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**9<sup>th</sup> February 2012**

Deputy John McGuinness,  
Chairman,  
Public Accounts Committee,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2



Dear Chairman,

I refer to the Public Accounts Committee meeting this morning (Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012) and in particular the part of the meeting which dealt with any other business.

I understand that Deputy Deasy, member of the committee, in the course of that part of the meeting raised the issue of a commitment made by the HSE at a recent PAC meeting to arrange a meeting on foot of issues he raised in relation to Waterford Regional Hospital and that the HSE had not delivered on the commitment.

As the committee will be aware Deputy Deasy raised specific issues in relation to Waterford Regional Hospital in the context of the preparation of the HSE South regional service plan.

I wish to advise you and the committee that shortly following the meeting I made contact with Deputy Deasy re his request for a meeting. The Regional Director of Operations HSE South also had a discussion with Deputy Deasy on the matter. In addition I wrote on two occasions to Deputy Deasy on behalf of the HSE and I attach the correspondence for the committee's attention. As you will note from the correspondence of the 6<sup>th</sup> February a meeting has been arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> February in Dáil Éireann with the Oireachtas members from Waterford. You will further note that the CEO will attend that meeting together with the Regional Director, Area Manager and with the Senior Members of the team from WRH.

We trust this clarifies the matter and as we have indicated in previous correspondence we are fully committed to working with the committee and assisting it with its work in every way possible.

Yours sincerely,

**Ray Mitchell**  
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Mr John Deasy TD  
Dail Eireann  
Kildare St  
Dublin

3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2012.

Dear Deputy Deasy,

I am writing on behalf the Chief Executive Officer Mr. Cathal Magee with regard to the issues you raised at the recent PAC meeting in relation to the Service Plan for Waterford Regional Hospital and the process undertaken in shaping the plan for 2012.

Following the publication of the National Service Plan in early January 2012 the HSE is now in the process of translating the plan into Regional Service Plans. This is in line with our statutory processes and the Plans are published at the Regional Health Forum meetings in each region during the month of February. The Regional Health Forum for HSE South is next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February the Regional Service Plans are in the process of being cleared at Department of Health level and with Minister Reilly in the early part of next week.

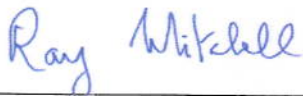
The established procedure at regional level involves publishing the plan at the Regional Health Forums and in HSE South this is followed by local briefings at county level separately with forum members and Oireachtas members. Originally the meeting for Oireachtas members in Waterford was scheduled for Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February however following your request the CEO has suggested that the meeting be held in Dublin on 14<sup>th</sup> February in Leinster House. The CEO will attend with the Regional Director, Area Manager and with the Senior Members of the team from WRH. The team will provide a comprehensive briefing to Oireachtas members on the Service Plan.

The briefing will provide the opportunity for Members to discuss the plan and to hear any concerns or issues you wish to raise.

If there are wider range of issues relating to the network of hospitals across the south east further meetings can be arranged subsequently and the arrangements in that regard can be discussed at the meeting.

Our intention is to proceed to advise the Oireachtas members of the proposed meeting as early as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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John Deasy TD  
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6<sup>th</sup> February 2012

**Re: Briefing on HSE South Regional Service Plan for Waterford Oireachtas members in the Audio Visual Room, Dail Eireann on 14<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon.**

Dear Deputy Deasy

Following the publication of the National Service Plan in early January 2012 the HSE is now in the process of translating the plan into Regional Service Plans. This is in line with our statutory processes and the Plans are published at the Regional Health Forum meetings in each region during the month of February. The Regional Health Forum for HSE South is next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February the Regional Service Plans are in the process of being cleared at Department of Health level and with Minister Reilly in the early part of this week.

The established procedure at regional level involves publishing the plan at the Regional Health Forums and in HSE South this is followed by local briefings at county level separately with forum members and Oireachtas members. Originally the meeting for Oireachtas members in Waterford was scheduled for later this week however following a request to have the briefing in the Dail, it is now being arranged for the **14th February in the audio visual room Leinster House at 12 noon.** The CEO will attend with the Regional Director, Area Manager and with the Senior Members of the team from WRH. The team will provide a comprehensive briefing to Oireachtas members on the Service Plan.

The briefing will provide the opportunity for Members to discuss the plan and to hear any concerns or issues you wish to raise.

If there are a wider range of issues relating to the network of hospitals across the south east, further meetings can be arranged subsequently to deal with these issues and the arrangements in that regard can be discussed at the meeting.

We look forward to meeting you on the day.

Yours sincerely,

**Ray Mitchell**  
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