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Best dressed lady ...



Catherine Mulryan, Roscommon Town, winner of the Littlewoods Best Dressed Lady at Roscommon Races. She's pictured here with RTE's Pamela Flood (judge); Micheal Finneran, manager, Roscommon Racecourse and Robert McConn, chairman, Roscommon Race Committee.

'HOSPITAL WARDS WILL CLOSE'

■ Paul Healy

A local TD has warned that ward closures at Roscommon County Hospital now look inevitable.

Speaking ahead of a meeting in Roscommon today between HSE chiefs and local politicians, Deputy Denis Naughten said that Roscommon County Hospital is now "seriously over-budget" and that job losses and/or ward closures would appear to be inevitable.

Speaking to the Roscommon People on Wednesday evening, Deputy Naughten said: "I have just been contacted by two members of staff at Roscommon County Hospital

who have reflected the growing concern amongst staff there.

"The position now is that the County Hospital is about €3m over its budget for 2010 and the HSE has directed that this must be rectified before the end of the year. It seems clear that the only way this can possibly happen is by all temporary posts being lost and/or ward closures. There is no other way of doing it. That is what we are facing."

Deputy Naughten said that the hospital is now set to go €6m over-budget in a full year (2011). "The hospital will be unviable with the cuts that would then have to be made. The

situation really is very grim and the downgrading that would appear to be on the cards really is totally unacceptable."

Deputy Naughten's Fine Gael colleague, Deputy Frank Feighan, also spoke to the Roscommon People on the issue. Deputy Feighan, appointed to the Fine Gael front bench last week (see page 4), said that he is deeply concerned about the current status of the County Hospital.

Local Oireachtas members and county councillors will meet HSE chiefs, including Mr. John Hennessy, Regional Director of Operations for HSE West and Dr. David O'Keeffe, the new 'super-

manager' of Roscommon, Portlinculla and Galway hospitals, at the County Hospital today (Thursday) at 2.30 pm.

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