

# Work plan for hospital outlined

The HSE has no plans to close Roscommon County Hospital, TDs and councillors were informed at a meeting last week.

The Regional Director of Operations for HSE West Mr. John Hennessy met with TDs and Councillors from the Roscommon area on Thursday last, July 8th.

Mr. Hennessy and the Roscommon County Hospital (RCH) Management Team including Dr. David O'Keeffe, Clinical Director, Acute Services and Continuing Care and Ms Elaine Prendergast, General Manager, highlighted the 2010 work plan for the hospital and assured members that there are no plans to close Roscommon County Hospital.

During the presentation Ms. Prendergast highlighted recent developments at the hospital including a new diabetes and endocrinology service; respiratory service; and the proposed new rheumatology service and outlined plans to partake in the National Cancer Screening Service, (the new bowel cancer screening programme)

During the meeting Mr. Hennessy outlined that there are no changes to the services at any of the hospitals in Galway and Roscommon in 2010 and the plan is to deliver the following levels of service in RCH in 2010: Inpatient targets 4,600; day cases 3,914; emergency presentations 14,280; emergency admissions 4,000; outpatients 13,328.

Speaking after the meeting Mr. Hennessy said: "RCH provides the majority of hospital services required by people living in Roscommon and surrounding areas and will continue to do so. The way we deliver health services is changing: medical technology and advances



in medicine and research means that we have to ensure that we offer patients a health service that gives the best outcome and increased survival rates. The best health services are designed around the needs of the people who use them; rather than on a geographic or historical basis. I want to reassure you that there are no hospital closures taking place; every hospital in the acute hospital network will continue to deliver the majority of health service required by the local community it serves."

Dr David O'Keeffe, the recently appointed Clinical Director Acute Services and Continuing Care for Galway and Roscommon Hospitals said, "There is absolutely no question of the closure of any hospital as a result of the expanded management role. This decision has been made because of the need for greater integration of services, for continuous improvement in the range and standards of services, and to provide additional sup-

port to hospitals in Galway and Roscommon. Our goal is to provide the safest possible service in the most appropriate place – patient safety is the bottom line for us."

Cllr. Orla Leyden welcomed this confirmation which confirms assurances given by Minister Michael Finneran TD and said that she will continue to keep Roscommon County Hospital at the top of her agenda as a County Councillor in the Roscommon Electoral area. Cllr. Leyden also welcomed the commitment given at Thursday's meeting by Mr. Hennessy to provide a new sterilisation unit, (an endoscope unit) which was described as a litmus test to the HSE's commitment to the hospital.

Cllr. Leyden concluded that the best way of guaranteeing patient safety is by ensuring that patients have continued access to essential services at Roscommon County Hospital including the vital all-hours A&E unit.

## Huge drop in number of new buildings

The number of new buildings identified in the first six months of 2010 in Roscommon was 322, a decrease of 24 percent compared to the same period last year.

GeoDirectory is a company jointly established by An Post and Ordnance Survey Ireland to create and manage a database of every building in the Republic of Ireland. They identified 322 new buildings, comprised of 42 commercial, 271 residential and nine dual purpose buildings across Roscommon between January and June, down from 422 for the same period in 2009. This brings the total number of buildings in Roscommon to 33,087 at the end of June.

## Higgins makes top 20 MEPs

Two of Ireland's twelve MEPs have been ranked among the top twenty performers, in the 736-member European Parliament.

Fine Gael's Jim Higgins and Labour's Pnonsias de Rossa have been ranked number 19 and 13 respectively in terms of their performance in the Parliament. The performance assessment was carried out over a range of activities, including speeches in the European Parliament, questions to the European Commission and the Council of Ministers as well as reports and opinions.

Reacting to the findings, Fine Gael's Jim Higgins said, "Naturally I am delighted at my own high ranking in what is a very competitive forum, but I am also delighted that our fellow Irish MEPs have also scored very highly. I think it underlines the fact that the Irish MEPs are highly participative, in the EP's activities, but also the fact that as a small nation we collectively punch above our weight."



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2008	Vw Transporter Van 130BHP SWB	€16,500
2007	Vw Transporter Van	€13,500
2006	Vw Transporter Van	€11,500
2005	Vw Transporter 2.5TDI 174BHP P/UP	€12,500
2004	Vw Transporter Van	€6,500
2003	Vw Transporter Van	€4,500
2002	Vw Transporter Van (Engine needs repair)	€2,000
2001	Vw Transporter Van	€3,500

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2009	Volkswagen Caddy TDI	€11,950
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2007	Volkswagen Caddy TDI	€8,500
2006	Volkswagen Caddy TDI	€7,500
2005	Volkswagen Caddy TDI	€6,000

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2004	Mitsubishi Pajero 3.2 SWB	€8,678 + VAT
2003	Mitsubishi Pajero 3.2 SWB	€8,500
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2004	Toyota Landcruiser	€11,500
2001	Toyota Landcruiser	€7,500
1997	Toyota Landcruiser LWB	€3,500

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## Ballagh defibrillator

Ballagh/Curraghroe defibrillator committee this week informed members of the public that the defibrillator which was originally positioned at Scott's is now located at Ballagh Church from this weekend onwards.

## Happy heart walk

Kilbride Defibrillator Committee invites you to take part in their Happy Heart Walk taking place on Thursday evening, 15th July at 7.30 pm, starting at Kilbride Community Centre. Everybody welcome.