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Roscommon County Hospital.

Naughten tells Finneran to deliver on Hospital

Local TD Denis Naughten has called on Minister Finneran to use his position in Government to overturn Mary Harney's announcement on Tuesday regarding the future of Roscommon County Hospital.

"Last month I warned that the Government, including Minister Finneran, appeared to be unaware of the extent of actions being taken by the HSE to have services at Roscommon County Hospital relocated to Galway. In fact, Minister Finneran stated that he had 'no indication' of any proposed changes to the services provided at Roscommon County Hospital yet on Tuesday we see Mary Harney confirming those changes," stated Denis Naughten.

"While the Health Minister can procrastinate that this move should not be viewed as a downgrading the reality is that with this

decision the HSE is implementing the Hanly Report which was, and remains, Government policy. Minister Harney has simply confirmed what everyone, apart from Minister Finneran it would seem, already knew was planned.

"While Minister Finneran has criticised what he calls the 'politicising' of the hospital issue, he himself refers to the 'political decision' he secured in 2006 to retain services in the hospital.

"Minister Finneran should now deliver for the people of Roscommon and ensure services – including the A&E – are retained in our local hospital."

Denis Naughten added: "When I raised this issue in the Dáil last month Minister Finneran, speaking on behalf of the Health Minister, seemed unaware of the fact that a

new super-manager has been appointed to implement the HSE's downgrading strategy for Roscommon and Portlincula Hospitals.

"It seems he was unaware of the fact that the Joint Department of Surgery between Roscommon and Portlincula has been shelved, with the HSE now appointing the new surgeons to Galway and Portlincula, ignoring the previous commitment between Roscommon and Portlincula.

"The Government now seems intent on turning its back on local people and instead allowing the HSE to do its dirty work by relocating A&E services from Roscommon and Portlincula Hospitals to Galway City.

"It's now time for Minister Finneran to deliver on his previous commitment and secure the future of our local hospital," concluded Deputy Naughten.

Freedom from addiction and suicidal thoughts

Sean Casey, right, was an alcoholic for 30 years. Drink had completely taken over his thinking and every aspect of his life. It started when he was serving as an altar boy and became a life-controlling habit.

At one stage the torment of voices in his head drove him to the verge of suicide. He was about to throw himself under a train at Liverpool Street tube station in London when, for some reason, he dropped to his knees on the platform and cried out to God for help.

Later, on returning to Ireland, he visited his sister in Newbridge and she asked some friends to pray for him. When he received prayer he was instantly set free from all desire to drink. That was 18 years ago and he has never had a relapse nor any interest in drink since then. Sean lives in Mullingar and drives a taxi for a living. He will be visiting Roscommon to tell his story on Sunday 27th June at Gleeson's, The Square at 8 pm. This is one of a series of meetings hosted by Hope Community dealing with the topic of spiritual transformation.

The focus is on understanding and inviting the power of the Holy Spirit to change and transform lives in areas where people are struggling. It is open to everyone and there will be prayer ministry for those wanting God's intervention in their lives. Enquiries (090) 64 89110 or www.hopecommunity.ie

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