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Fergal names his team

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HAC - it's over to the people

■ Paul Healy
Roscommon Hospital is in its greatest peril in over thirty years - and now it's up to the public to once again act to safeguard its future. That's the stark warning from Roscommon HAC (Hospital Action Group) who will host a special meeting on the threat to the hospital on Thursday next, June 3rd.

As a growing sense of crisis surrounds the future of the facility, HAC councillors Paula McNamara and Valerie Byrne and the group's chairperson, John McDermott, contacted the Roscommon People this week to express their "deep alarm" at recent developments.

They say that the anticipated shortage of junior doctors from July could result in the current 24-hour A&E services in Roscommon being reduced to an 8 am to 8 pm service; they have also

expressed concern at the appointment of a 'super-manager' who will oversee University College Hospital in Galway, Roscommon and Portiuncula Hospitals.

Cllr. Paula McNamara said that people will die in Co. Roscommon if the A&E services are restricted. "As far as I can see it's 'curtains' for Roscommon Hospital at this point in time. It has never been as serious as it is now. The public must come out and voice their opposition to what is happening."

Cllr. Valerie Byrne said "we are absolutely at crisis point."

Announcing their intention to host a public meeting, Mr. McDermott sounded a grim warning: "We have fought this campaign for thirty years and we will keep fighting. But we need the public to come out and tell us what they want us to do."

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James Hanly and Michael Henry from Weekfield in Roscommon pictured on the water in Lanesboro enjoying the recent hot spell. Pic: Andrew Fox.

Could Roscommon have three Roses in Tralee?

There could be as many as three Roscommon ladies competing in the Rose of Tralee finals this year! Two weeks ago the Roscommon People brought you the news that Ballymurray native Roisin Hunt will represent San Francisco in the finals, having won the competition in that city.

This week comes the news that another Ballymurray native will be attempting to join Roisin and Roscommon Rose Deirdre Lenehan in the finals this year.

Aine Shine, who is also from Ballymurray, has won the Liverpool Rose competition and she will travel to Portlaoise for the regional finals which will be held on the June Bank Holiday weekend.

Aine is the 25-year-old daughter of Larry and Anne Shine and she works as a pharmacist in Liverpool. She won the Liverpool heat of the competition last Friday week.

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