



Tallaght University Hospital Annual General Meeting

26th May 2025

08:00am – 09:00am

Robert Graves Postgraduate Centre, CLD

TUH

Participating:

Board member:

Prof. Anne-Marie Brady (AMB) (*Chair*)
Mr. Mark Varian (MV) (*Vice-Chair*)
Ms. Darina Barrett (DB) (*left 8.30am*)
Mr. Mike Beary (MB)
Rev. David Bowles (DBowl)
Mr. Tom Lane (TL)
Dr. Martin Lyes (ML)
Mr. John Hennessy (JH)
Dr. Darach O’Ciardha (DO’C)

Also participating:

Executive Management Team:

Mr. John Kelly (JK)
Mr. Dermot Carter (DC)
Ms. Sharon Larkin (SL)
Ms. Áine Lynch (ÁLyn)
Dr. Peter Lavin (PL)
Mr. Shane Russell (SR)
Ms. Bridget Egan (BE)
Prof. Catherine Wall (CW)
Dr. Mary White (MW)

In attendance:

Ms. Anne McKenna (AMcK)
Mr. Yuichi Asada (YA), External Auditor, Deloitte
Ms. Elaine Duggan (ED), Financial Accountant & Compliance
Ms. Lydia Doyle (LD), Financial Accountant & Compliance

Apologies:

Dr. Vivienne Byers (VB)

No.	Agenda Items	Decisions Made	Action By
25.05.01	1.1	Apologies Noted.	
25.05.02	1.2	New Declarations of Interest. AMB requested that any potential conflicts of interest were formally declared, of which there were none.	
25.05.03	2.	Welcome of the External Auditors. AMB welcomed Mr. Yuichi Asada, Deloitte to the meeting.	
25.05.04	3.	Approval of the Annual Financial Statements 2024. Having been circulated in advance of the meeting the Annual Financial Statements 2024 and accompanying appendices were taken as read. DC briefed members and the following was noted: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Audit Committee meet with the Finance Committee on April 10th 2025 and met with the External Auditors on April 24th 2025. DC advised the Audit Committee recommended the approval of the AFS 2024 to the Finance Committee.• The total allocation for 2024 was €422.9m and TUH broke even.• It was noted the cumulative deficit has not increased.• DC outlined included in the documentation was the letter of representation, analytical review, AFMR and briefing note relating to Going Concern and a copy of the correspondence issued by the Interim CEO to the CFO of the HSE.	

		<p>YA briefed members on the audit opinion and the following was noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In highlighting the Board's attention to Note 24 the financial statements are prepared on the going concern basis and indicate material uncertainty. • YA advised the Hospital had a net current liability of €18.0m and an accumulative deficit on the Hospital's non-capital income and expenditure account of €24.4m at 31st December 2024. • YA advised material uncertainty exists and casts doubt on the Hospital's ability to continue as a going concern, however the HSE has not given any indication that it will withdraw its financial support for the Hospital. • YA outlined that the responsibilities of Deloitte and of the Board members with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of the Annual Financial Statements 2024. • YA issued an unqualified audit opinion with a material uncertainty in respect of going concern, similar to previous years. <p>DC thanked YA, ED, LD and members of the Finance and Audit Committee for their work and support during the process.</p> <p>YA thanked YA, ED, LD and the Audit Committee for their help and engagement during the audit process.</p> <p>The Board formally approved the Annual Financial Statement to the 31st December 2025 having been proposed by TL and seconded by JH.</p> <p>AFMR</p> <p>The Annual Financial Monitoring Return having been circulated in advance of the meeting was taken as read. DC advised the return is a restatement of the AFS for submission to the HSE.</p> <p>The Board formally approved the signing of the AFMR by the Interim CEO & CFO having been proposed by TL and seconded by MB.</p> <p>AMB thanked YA and his colleagues for their work on the AFS and YA left the meeting.</p>	
25.05.05	4.	<p>Appointment of the External Auditors.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>TL advised in considering the cumulative deficit, which is projected to increase to €33m in 2025 and in adopting the going concern basis the Hospital needs to engage with the HSE regarding right sized funding.</p> <p>Members discussed the current relationship with the HSE, Region and the need to implement the partnership principles. JK advised TUH have written to the HSE on numerous occasions regarding funding and the cumulative deficit and IVAH's engagement re same. DC advised the Region have requested a breakdown of the cumulative deficit. DC advised the HSE is focusing on productivity and efficiency and will be</p>	

		<p>releasing dashboards for all Hospital's however TUH may have to review the services it provides.</p> <p>Members discussed the potential to reduce services however raised concerns regarding the patient safety and reputational risk and the priority to maintain services. PL advised of the interdependencies between services and reducing one service could impact numerous services.</p> <p>Members discussed the need to advocate for the organisation and right sized funding. It was noted SJH have requested to re-establish the DATHs. JK advised IVHA is now recognised by the HSE and they have been engaging on behalf of members in relation funding. It was agreed to invite IVHA to present to TUH Board on their strategy.</p> <p>Members discussed the implications of the ICT National Solutions and the potential for HSE to withhold funding if TUH does sign up to various systems. It was noted the matter was discussed at the Finance Committee who agreed TUH needs to prepare for same and determine if there is an acceptable solution for stakeholder.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>	AMB
25.05.06	5.	<p>Closing Items</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>There were no further matters for discussion and AMB concluded the meeting.</p>	

Apologies to Ms. Anne McKenna, Board Secretary on 4143845/ anne.mckenna@tuh.ie.

