



The **Regulation** and  
**Quality Improvement**  
Authority

# **RQIA Authority Meeting Held on Thursday 20 October 2022**

## **Summary**

## Regulatory Actions

- Noted enforcement actions taken in relation to a number of registered Care Homes. Details have been published on the [RQIA website](#).
- Confirmed RQIA inspections continue on a physical basis – vast majority of inspections unannounced.
- Care Homes continue to submit daily information relating to COVID-19 and other related information.
- Most recent inspection at Muckamore Abbey Hospital (carried out 1st to 29th July 2022) Noted. Inspection Report now published on [RQIA website](#)

## RQIA Reviews

- Noted progress on the RQIA Maternity Services Review. Review underway and will include considerations on safety and culture, engaging with service users and staff. Inspection work will commence from next month and the Review will publish findings in the spring. Working with Care Opinion and Public Health Agency 10k More Voices to ensure that views of parents are fully represented.
- Authority noted the Ockenden Report published in April 22 and further publication today on Maternity issues in Kent, England.

## Public Inquiries

- Muckamore Abbey Hospital: Authority updated on RQIA work to support the Muckamore Abbey Hospital Public Inquiry. Continue to make submission of materials as required. RQIA are a core participant in the Inquiry. Future provision of legal services for RQIA was discussed: further update in next Meeting.
- COVID-19 Public Inquiry: Preliminary hearings have commenced. The hearing for Module 2 (Northern Ireland) is due to take place on Wednesday 2 November. RQIA have not at this stage applied for Core Participant status for the current modules but is preparing to submit information as required by the Inquiry.
- Urology: Noted the Inquiry intends to open public hearings from November 22;

## Strategic Plan and Improvement

- A Stocktake Report on progress made by RQIA since the publication of the Home Truths Report 2018 by COPNI on Dunmurry Manor Care Home was tabled, discussed, and approved. Progress to date noted. Thanks expressed to RQIA staff teams who have worked hard to transform relationships with service users and their advocates and representative groups. Noted that the journey of improvement continues; and is reflected in the draft Strategic Plan. An event is planned for late November, with stakeholders invited to discuss the expansion of ways of listening to residents, service users, families, carers and others; and how to improve the impact and presentation of this experience in our Inspection Reports.
- Draft Strategic Plan 2022 to 2027 Public Consultation events have commenced. Two on-line events have been held so far. Details published via web site and social media, and issued to those listed on our consultation database. Further on-line events planned; and physical events will be held across Northern Ireland for those for whom on-line events are inaccessible, or do not meet needs. Reaching out to disability groups/ networks to ensure effective outreach; noted that bespoke events for groups will be held on request
- Proposals to publish Inspection Reports relating to Services for Children and Young People: Public Consultation closed today. Views/ findings will be collated and brought to Authority meeting for discussion and decision making on way forward. Authority Members noted thoughtful responses received in meetings, with a high degree of interest in securing more transparency balanced with respect for privacy and safety.

## Financial Performance

Month 5 Report was reviewed. No material issues reported; discussed how registration fee income can fluctuate unpredictably.

## Publication of the Report of the Expert Panel on the Review of Records of Deceased Patients of Dr Watt

Authority discussed the need for sensitivity balanced with timely publication of this important Review. Agreed a date for publication should be established as soon as practical, taking account of the necessary preparatory actions, especially family liaison. Thanks expressed to the Review Team and the RQIA staff; and major contribution of families who have participated in the Review noted.

**Date of next Authority meeting: Thursday 8 December 2022**