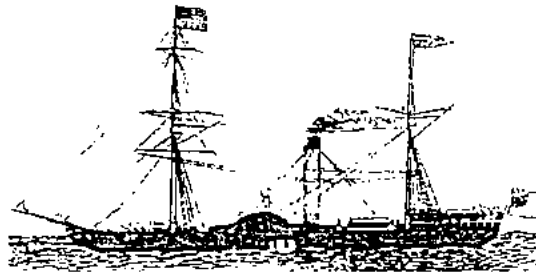


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To Each Local Authority

The following motions were adopted by Passage West Town Council and are circulated at the request of Members for your support:

1. *"That this Council calls on the Minister for Health and Children to introduce regular monitoring for bacteria in all areas of hospitals and other buildings where patients are treated to minimise risks of patient infection."*

In adopting this motion the Town Council requested the following:

Each department taking care of patients should be responsible for infection control. This is done by swabbing all surfaces routinely. The results of the cultures form a graph which will show the level of bacteria in each Department. The results should be discussed at every level. Policies and procedures should be implemented or changed to improve the control of infection.

2. *"That this Council calls on the Minister for Health and Children to treat Cardiovascular Disease as a chronic illness."*

In adopting the motion, Members stated the following: In 2004, diseases of the circulatory system accounted for 10,608 deaths in Ireland. Of these 5,417 were due to coronary heart disease and 2,085 to stroke. In 2004, 24% of all deaths in those under 65 were as a result of heart attack, stroke or diseases of the circulatory system. Death rates in Ireland from heart attack remain high. Patients receiving treatment for Cardiovascular Disease are on medication for many years, and the financial burden is a serious concern, particularly for those on low incomes. Early intervention can be crucial. Therefore Cardiovascular Disease should be treated as a chronic illness and Section 59 of the Health Act 1970 should be reviewed.

Yours faithfully,

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