



## **Minutes of the Board meeting of the Health Research Board held on Thursday March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025, online on Zoom.**

**Present:** Dr Tracy Cunningham (Chairperson)  
Dr Sarah Barry  
Dr Leonora Bishop  
Prof Peter Doran  
Prof Tom Fahey  
Dr Julie Ling  
Dr Terry McWade  
Dr Martina Ní Chúlain

**Apologies:** Dr Cliona Saidlear  
Prof Mark Lawler

**In attendance:** Dr Mairead O'Driscoll, Chief Executive Officer  
Dr Teresa Maguire, Director, Research Strategy and Funding  
Ms Oonagh Ward, Research Strategy and Funding Directorate  
Dr Fiona Manning, Research Strategy and Funding Directorate  
Ms Lorna Purcell, Board Secretary and Head of Governance

### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Dr Cliona Saidlear and Prof Mark Lawler.

### **2. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were declared.

### **3. Minutes & Action points of the previous meeting**

The minutes and action points of the meeting held on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> were deferred until the next Board meeting on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

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#### 4. Reviews, Evaluations, Outputs

##### 1. Findings of the review of Clinical Trials Infrastructures

At the request of the Board, the Research Strategy & Funding team presented information to the Board on the findings of the Strategic Review of Clinical Trials Infrastructures, and proposed a future funding scenario for investment for the Board's consideration.

The information provided by the team generated some discussion around how more robust data from clinical trials registries (for example, the number and types of trials being carried out) is required before a decision on future funding could be made by the Board.

The Executive agreed to provide additional information on this topic at the Board meeting on April 4th.

Signed:  (Chairperson)  
Signed by: Tracy Cunningham  
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