



Water Quality & Strategy Board Minutes

3rd November 2025

ATTENDEES

- Minister for the Environment (MENV)
- Minister for Health & Social Services (MHSS)
- Group Director – Regulation (GDR)
- Director of Public Health (DPH)
- Senior Public Health Officer (SPHO)
- Technical Support Officer (TSO)
- Regulatory Improvement Officer (RIO)
- Group Director of Natural Environment (GDNE)
- Director for Environment, Housing, and Placemaking (DEHP)
- Head of Media Relations (HMR)

MINUTES AND ACTIONS

Actions:

- Board members approved outstanding minutes

REPORT THREE UPDATE

Discussion:

- Costs have been reviewed with HCJ and are still considered to be accurate. This excludes phlebotomy at present.
- Phlebotomy options will be considered as a second-line service for 2026.
- Specification for the PFAS Intervention Service has been drafted. Feedback from HCJ Services Division due early November
- Funding discussion for the PFAS intervention service in 2026.
- Discussed proposed start date in early 2026 and risks to inability of a start date in 2025.

Decision:

- Move forward with 19th January 2026 as proposed starting date for clinical intervention service.

REPORT FOUR UPDATE

Discussion:

- PFAS panel meeting on 22 October focused on soil remediation with subject matter expert from Norwegian Geotechnical Institute presenting to the panel.
- Presentation went into detail on separation, immobilisation and destruction options for PFAS in soils, Board briefed.

- Next online panel meeting is scheduled for 6 November where the panel will be focussing on further literature reviews to inform Report 4.
- Testing programme for the panel's report well underway with most sampling completed. Working on last food and soil samples.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: 8th December 2025