

## **Behind the Scenes at the IHLTA**

### **- Meeting with Mater Hospital Management**

Committee members met with senior management figures from the Mater Hospital on December 11th past to discuss issues relating to the transplant concerns. Present from the hospital were Lars Nolke, John Walsh, Michelle Murray, Emer Joyce, Jim O'Neill and Jim Egan.

The Association were represented by Robert McCutcheon, Gerry Scully, Shay McConnell and Ciara Craig.

The meeting was arranged in order to raise several matters that were causing concern to the Committee and the Association members - The availability of post heart transplant expertise, some members are being referred to A+E or their GP is the consultant is unavailable on that day. Overcrowding in the lung clinic , lateness of clinic start were also up for discussion.

Overall the meeting was very positive.

### **- Ramifications of a 'Hard Brexit'**

The IHLTA has been made aware of concerns relating to possible drug supply issues in the event of a disorderly Brexit. As such the committee has written to the Department of Health to clarify the issue ASAP.

### **- Golf Outing**

We are organising a golf outing for the Eddie Kelly (a former heart transplant recipient). It will take place in Newlands Golf Course on Friday May 25, 2019.

### **- IHLTA AGM**

Our AGM will take place on Saturday May 8, 2019. Venue TBA.

### **- IHLTA Annual Service**

Our Annual Service of Thanksgiving & Remembrance is scheduled for Saturday February 16, 2019. As always, it will be held in the Chapel of the Mater Hospital at 12 noon. All welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Atrium of the Whitty Building.