

Minutes
HSE Special Directorate Meeting
Held on Saturday 13 October 2018 at 1:00pm
Via Teleconference

Members Present: J. Connaghan (Chair), R. Mannion, A. O'Connor, D. Sullivan, S. Mulvany

In Attendance: C. Henry, J. O'Sullivan, Secretary, D. McCallion, S. Bresnan, Procurement, P. Cafferty, NCSS, Philip Lee, Solicitor for HSE

Item No.	Sub Item No.	Title of Paper Presented / Key Discussion Points	Agreed Action / Decision	Responsible	Due Date/ Review Date
1		Chairman's Remarks & Directorate Members' Discussion		Secretary	
		<p>The Chair welcomed members to the second Special Meeting of the Directorate which was called to discuss extension of the CervicalCheck Contract and to provide an opportunity for the HSE negotiation team to update members in relation to developments over the previous twenty four hours and for HSEs Legal Advisor to clarify any legal questions that members might wish to raise.</p> <p>No conflicts of Interest were advised</p>			
2		<p>D. McCallion and members of the negotiation team presented an outline of the position following intensive dialogue and negotiation over recent days and in particular since the meeting of the Directorate on the previous day.</p> <p>The main provisions of the Heads of Agreement were outlined and clarity was given in relation to the legal position i.e. there is an intention to proceed to contract with certain elements of the heads being binding once signed while other elements are non-binding.</p> <p>The benefits of the agreement to the HSE are:</p>	<p>Following detailed discussions by members it was agreed on the proposal of R. Mannion, seconded by A. O' Connor to mandate the negotiation team to proceed on the basis of the contents of the Heads of Agreement.</p> <p>The Key elements of the agreement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition by HSE of MedLabs Pathology (MLP) Cytology arm which is proposed to be incorporated into the Coombe Cervical Screening Laboratory; • Progress the provision of additional laboratory in Australia by MLP to mitigate current pressures in Ireland; • Negotiated Indemnity Arrangements to reflect 	<p>Secretary</p> <p>D. McCallion</p>	October 2018

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retain key cytology expertise in Ireland; • Develop 'National Cervical Screening Laboratory' in the Coombe; • Develop single site as a Centre of Excellence for cervical screening in Ireland; • Reduce dependency on third party service providers; • Enhanced research/data capability building on Coombe's track record in this area. <p>Each member was given the opportunity to pose questions to the negotiation team and responses were received in relation to a number of areas including: Support of State Claims Agency; Indemnity; Total Financial Liability; Dealing with False Negatives; Interaction with Department of Health, Discussions with Coombe Hospital.</p>	<p>the changed legal and screening environment in Ireland.</p> <p>It was agreed that the approval of the Directorate is contingent on receipt of written confirmation of the verbal commitment from the Department of Health approving the indemnity arrangements and confirming the support of DPER which had not been physically received prior to the meeting.</p> <p>[It should be noted that the above written confirmation was received later that afternoon and was circulated to Directorate Members]</p> <p>It was also agreed that the negotiation team would prepare a detailed schedule of costs (revenue and capital) associated with the agreement including costs related to the Coombe for consideration.</p>	D. McCallion	
10	Any Other Business	No items were raised		
The meeting concluded at 1:45 pm. The next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday 16 October 2018				

Signed:

 J. Connaghan
 Chairman

Date: