## Launch of the National Genomic Test Directory for Rare and Inherited Disease

The Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill recently launched the HSE's National Genomic Test Directory for Rare and Inherited Disease (Test Directory). Developed by the National Genetics and Genomics Office (NGGO) in collaboration with clinical specialists, patient representatives, and hospital laboratories, the Test Directory marks a significant milestone in the implementation of the National Strategy for Accelerating Genetic and Genomic Medicine in Ireland.

"Genomics is revolutionising medicine through personalised treatments for patients by improving disease prediction and prevention, and developing innovative therapies that were previously impossible," says Minister Carroll MacNeill. "I look forward to continued collaboration between my department and the HSE in progressing the implementation of our overall objectives under the strategy, to further improve health treatments and outcomes for patients in Ireland."

The Test Directory specifies which tests can be ordered by clinicians based on a set of agreed clinical indications and eligibility criteria. This first version contains a subset of specialties (cardiology, ophthalmology, lipids, mitochondrial and metabolic conditions) and subsequent releases will incorporate additional specialties.

In 2025, the HSE will support the implementation of the Test Directory by developing the National Genomic



From left: Dr Richard Hagan, National Clinical Laboratory Director, HSE NGGO; Vicky McGrath, CEO, Rare Diseases Ireland; Minister for Health, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill TD; Avril Daly, President of Rare Disease Europe, EURORDIS; and Dr Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer, HSE at the launch of the HSE National Genomic Test Directory for Rare and Inherited Disease (Test Directory).

Processing Service (NGPS). This service will be a hub for receipt of specimens to refer for genomic testing by laboratories abroad. The service will also coordinate the reporting of results to the requesting entities.

The NGGO invite HSE clinical healthcare staff to undertake training to develop genetic and genomic awareness and literacy. Search for 'Fundamentals of Genetic and Genomic Testing' when you log into HSeLanD.

By April 2025, all statutory sites in the HSE will have one

integrated SAP HR and Payroll system, encompassing HR

implementation of the SAP HR and Payroll system," says Anne Marie Hoey, Chief People Officer, HSE. "It is evident that since the programme began, staff were well supported through the transition. Across the HSE, staff are benefiting from the SAP

HR and Payroll system. This allows managers to review and oversee information. It also gives employees greater control

over their own information on HR and Payroll Self Service."

"It is important to celebrate the HSE's successful



and Payroll Self Service.

More information at **bit.ly/TestDirectory** 

## **National Integrated Staff** Records and Pay Programme (NiSRP) implementation

HSE areas moved onto the SAP HR and Payroll System



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Source: National Payroll, December 2024