

NCCP EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 9th January 2023 @ 10.30am via Webex

Present: F Bonas (Chair), C. Faul, T. Hanan, A. Hill, M. Keane, T McCarthy, F. Murphy (NSS)

Apologies: R Ó Laoide, P. Cafferty, C. Mellett

Invited: M. Cox, T. Flattery

A. PRESENTATIONS		
A1	NCIS Implementation Plan update (N. Newcombe)	
	An update on the progress of implementation and plans for continued roll-out was provided by Nicola Newcombe, NCIS Programme Manager. The progress on the project was welcomed by members.	
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING		
B1	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The minutes of the EMT meetings held on 5 th December 2022 were agreed.	
B2	Matters Arising	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. National CAYA Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agreement there is no longer a requirement to set up a separate working group to discuss Paediatric AYA radiation oncology 	
C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS		
C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed/Bed crisis impact on cancer services was discussed. This will be kept under review • NSP 2022/2023 – process is ongoing, feedback awaited from strategic workforce planning 	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	NCCP Risk Register	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update to be provided at next meeting 	
E1	Cancer Screening (F Murphy)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New national cervical screening lab has opened (December 2022) • Cervical Cancer prevention week will be taking place 23rd – 29th January 	
E2	Evidence and Quality Hub (F Bonas/E. O'Toole)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting update on Accreditation from DOH • New proposed guidelines will be discussed at next meeting 	
E3	Cancer Intelligence (M. Cox)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on KPI's was provided by M. Cox. Situation remains challenging, particularly at UHG and CUH. There have been proactive developments in managing backlogs for urgent/non-urgent cases 	
E4	Public Health, Community Oncology and Prevention/Early Detection (T McCarthy)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid Update – hospital case numbers continue to increase. • High rates of respiratory illnesses are being seen among patients on cancer treatment – primarily RSV, influenza, rather than all covid-related 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cancer Day – 4th February 2023. NCCP focus areas will be Tobacco, Vaccines and HRT. 	
E5	Cancer Nursing (T Hanan/C. Osborne)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update provided on impact of bed crisis on acute oncology service 	
E6	Surgical Programme (A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elective cancer surgery is being prioritised but some delays and deferrals are occurring Outsourcing is taking place for appropriate medical treatment 	
E7	Radiation Oncology (C. Faul/F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issues with capacity at Cork, Galway and SLRON due to an increase in referrals Reduction in KPI's New technology is being explored MRI training for Radiation Therapists is a WIP progressed by ROWG Approval for consultant posts is in process. Recruitment is taking time. NCCP are participating in the national review of radiation therapists. Work ongoing re. services in Waterford and Limerick. 	
E8	Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (P. Heckmann/M Keane)	
	<p>Systemic Therapy Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity is being impacted by quality of infrastructure Service planning discussions still ongoing Challenge to the reimbursement process where companies do not apply for indications New reimbursement approvals December /January – Brentuximab for 3 new indications Medical Oncology KPI's – ongoing challenges in many hospitals. Meeting to be scheduled with SVUH. <p>Molecular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working on support documentation for BRCA testing in prostate Roche Field Safety notice issued re SP142 	
E9	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann/N. Newcombe	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCIS Implementation plan is progressing well Update provided on implementation plan 	
E10	Cancer Networks (F Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scheduling of meetings for 2023 is under way 	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
	n/a	
G	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCP EMT minutes will be published on NCCP website 	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
Monday 13th February 2023 @ 10.30am		