

NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 9th October 2023 @ 10.30am, MS teams

Present: R. Ó Laoide (Chair), F. Bonas, P. Cafferty, C. Faul, T. Hanan, A. Hill, M. Keane and T. McCarthy

Apologies: P. Heckmann

Invited: M. O’Sullivan (Item A1), T. Folliard (for P. Heckmann), L. Ryan (Item A1), Marie Cox, T. Flattery and C. Mellett

A. PRESENTATIONS	
A1	Update on breast cancer was provided by Prof. M. O’Sullivan, Chair of the NCCP National Clinical Leads Group on Breast Cancer. A clear priority focus on follow-up was noted. This is being progressed by the Leads Group
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	
B1	Minutes of the previous meeting
	The minutes of the EMT meetings held on 11 th September 2023 were agreed.
B2	Matters Arising
	Items covered under agenda.
C. DIRECTOR’S ITEMS	
C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>National Service Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bids submitted through DOH Estimates process and HSE Service Planning process ○ General indication from HSE and DOH is that there will be little funding. ○ Members noted that a lack of incremental funding for the Cancer Strategy creates a risk of missed opportunities to introduce technological advances to Ireland, an inability to expand clinics and patient care improvements (e.g. follow-up clinics), as well as critical capital investment. - <u>Health Regions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Government implementation plan published in July. ○ CEO’s draft plan for HSE Centre was circulated in September ○ NCCP remains under CCO. ○ Details to be clarified on the operation of the regions and engagement between the NCCP and HSE Health Regions. - <u>EU Cancer Mission Day</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Successful first Irish EU Cancer Mission Day held on Tuesday 26th September, jointly organised by AICRI and the NCCP. ○ Excellent examples outlined of practical, clinical research projects that are being supported under the Cancer Mission funding. ○ It was also an initial opportunity to discuss the new project on the development of National Cancer Mission Hubs in Ireland. - <u>Stakeholder events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pancreatic cancer symposium – September 22nd, Cork

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AICRI Showcase – September 27th in Dublin – showcasing various research initiatives by AICRI partners. ○ National Medical Oncology meeting – October 13th ○ Galway radiotherapy building – official opening by Minister – October 20th <p>- <u>Surgical centralisation</u> Further to discussion at recent meetings, updates were provided on centralisation, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gynae-oncology – Agreed that centralisation to four MDMs is to proceed. Communication to be issued to cancer centres. ○ Sarcoma – Approach endorsed. Importance of liaison with relevant providers in paediatric/CAYA services to be noted. Communication to be issued to relevant services. ○ Skull base – Approach endorsed. Importance of national MDM to be noted. Communication to be issued to relevant services. ○ Pelvic exenteration – noted that international approaches to the organisation of services are being reviewed to inform approach in Ireland. Further update to be provided when this has progressed. ○ Retroperitoneal lymph node dissection – this is being progressed through the NCCP Urological Cancer Leads Group, with input from relevant hospitals. Clinical Advisors suggested combining with retroperitoneal sarcoma surgery. Further update to be provided when this has progressed. ○ Radical bladder – Communication on centralisation was issued to cancer centres on 15th June 23. National Executive members strongly endorsed the centralisation of this complex surgery into 4 centres and supported full implementation of this decision. <p>- Genetics and Genomics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communications on cancer-related genetics and genomics to/from NCCP Clinical Leads/Groups be directed through the NCCP to ensure coordination. <p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication to issue to Leads and Groups on this. 	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	<p>EU Cancer Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHos – NCCP and AICRI are co-partners on this project. Prof. Donal Brennan, National Clinical Lead for Cancer Research is leading this project for NCCP. • DigiCanTrain – project development work is ongoing. • Joint Actions – there are 2 new proposed joint actions. The Department of Health is the nominated competent authority, with the NCCP as the affiliated entity. 	
E1	Evidence and Quality Hub (F. Bonas)	
	<p>No update at this meeting</p> <p>Action: Recommendations on Quality and Safety (Chapter11) from National Cancer Strategy to be reviewed to track progress</p>	F. Bonas
E2	Cancer Intelligence (P. Cafferty)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Format for presentation of KPI performance was discussed • Reduction in some KPIs due to delays in accessing diagnostics and staffing. • The need to ensure a focus of KPIs on outcomes was noted. <p>Action:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback to P. Cafferty on format for presentation of KPI performance 	All
E3	Public Health, Community Oncology and Prevention/Early Detection (T. McCarthy)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research is being conducted on access to smoking cessation • Covid – vaccines are readily available. • Development of follow-up care is a priority. Patient support workers will be a key requirement for this. 	
E4	Cancer Nursing (T Hanan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCP are partnering with ICS on a Cancer Research Nursing Grant award • Post of Cancer Associate Professor in TCD is being progressed. • Meeting with CPAC to discuss the Acute Oncology Nursing service took place on September 19th. 	
E5	Surgical Programme (A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical centralisation to be progressed as per update above. • Availability of resources is a key issue across all services. 	
E6	Radiation Oncology (C. Faul/F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment of Radiation Therapists remains challenging and is impacting KPIs • Key issues are recruitment, capacity and replacement of equipment. • HSE Estates to provide specific targets and timeline for equipment replacement programme at next NPRO meeting. 	
E7	Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (M Keane/T. Folliard)	
	<p><u>Medical Oncology KPIs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges are evident in a number of sites nationally. Team to follow up with relevant hospitals. • Work is ongoing to include medical oncology KPI on the KPI portal. BIU will only accept complete dataset and a number of sites have unreported data. <p><u>Systemic Therapy Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baxter compounding service – any impact on patient treatment is being tracked by NCCP in consultation with hospitals. National Director, CCO and DOH being kept updated. • National Medical Oncology Annual Meeting – October 13th • Budget 2024 – no new funding for new drugs will present a significant challenge for patient care. 	
E8	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – M. Keane/T. Folliard	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll out is continuing – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 14 hospitals are live. - Two further hospitals planned for go-live in November. - UHL commenced validation of PAS interface in preparation for MDM use. • NCIS Chart upgrade which delivered system enhancements was completed on October 5th. • 536 Regimens have been approved for use in the system. 	
E9	Cancer Networks (F Bonas)	
	Upcoming meetings include CHI and Dublin Midland Hospital Group.	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
	November meeting: November 6 th , via MS Teams	

	December meeting: NCCP Executive meeting on December 11 th will be an in-person meeting in the NCCP office.	
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
Monday 6th November 2023 @ 10.30am		