



NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 10th February 2025 @ 10.30am, MS Teams

Present: R. Ó Laoide (Chair), F. Bonas, C. Faul, P. Heckmann, T. Hanan, T. Holohan, A. Hill, M. Keane, D. O'Shea

Apologies: T. McCarthy

Invited: R. Conway, M. Cox, T. Flattery, C. Mellett, B. Neville for T. McCarthy.
For Item A1: M. Lee, S. Kavanagh

A. PRESENTATIONS		
A1	<p>Interventional Radiology update (Prof. Michael Lee, Professor Emeritus of Imaging & Interventional Radiology & Clinical Lead, HSE National Clinical Programme for Interventional Radiology and Ms Sara Kavanagh, Programme Manager – HSE National Clinical Programmes for Interventional Radiology and Cardiothoracic Surgery)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive noted the developments made in this programme and are supportive of the forward plan for Interventional Radiology. NCCP committed to discussing the programme with the Department of Health and endorsed the inclusion of this specialty as an area of focus in the next cancer strategy. It was noted that the issue of capacity for out of hours cover for interventional radiology required discussion with the HSE Chief Clinical Officer. 	
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING		
B1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of January 13th meeting were agreed. 	
B2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast imaging in Dublin and North-East region. A. Hill following up on issue with Regional Executive Officer for region. Radioligand group – discussion has taken place on establishing group It was noted that an amendment has been made to the technical language for the radiation oncology KPI. 	
C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS		
C1	<p><u>Strategic developments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing work in relation to the NCCP's engagement with the Health Regions and wider planning for engagement between the HSE centre and the Health Regions. The NCCP is progressing a suite of inter-related strategic planning initiatives to address areas such as performance, data and intelligence, designation and centralisation. More information will be provided. <p><u>NCCP guidelines – Prostate Active Surveillance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reminder that the guideline on active surveillance for prostate cancer is currently open for consultation. The details are on the NCCP website 	

	<p>(closing date: 24th February).</p> <p><u>NCCP Clinical Advisors</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of new National Clinical Advisors for Psycho-oncology and Haemato-oncology is progressing well. <p><u>Stakeholder events</u></p> <p>Recent events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 23rd January - NCCP Survivorship event, which included a focus on physical activity, lymphoedema and menopause after cancer. World Cancer Day – 4th February – NCCP provided a webinar on cancer prevention which is available on the NCCP YouTube channel. <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th March – Irish Psychosocial Oncology Network 	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	<p>EU Cancer Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCI4EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Deep Dive meetings are scheduled for April 1st and 2nd. The focus is expected to be on governance, data, pathways for molecular diagnostics and molecular tumour boards, alignment with the National Cancer Mission Hub project and engagement with the university sector. Work is commencing on the Joint Actions on EUNetCCC (Crane 2) and Jane 2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jane 2 - Meeting held recently with Department of Health and JANE 2 nominees. EUNetCCC - meeting to be scheduled with EUnetCCC participants. Recent meeting took place where it was agreed that Ireland will be in the pilot on establishing at least one Comprehensive Cancer Centre (CCC) in the country as well as the Comprehensive Cancer Care Network project at University Hospital Galway. Budget submissions have been made for the Joint Action (JA) on Personalised Cancer Medicine by NCCP who is the competent authority for this JA. 	
D2	<p><u>National Service Plan 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NCCP is awaiting release of primary notifications by the HSE and will then communicate with service providers on their allocations. 	
E1	Cancer Intelligence (T. Holohan/R. Conway)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on cancer performance and governance projects will follow at upcoming meeting. 	
E2	Surgical Oncology Programme (F. Bonas/A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pelvic Exenteration – update awaited on new UK standards and guidelines 	

	<p>which are expected to be published in the spring.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NCCP Lung Cancer Audit, Quality and Risk Forum will be held on April 4th. • NCCP are working with the Oral Health programme to utilise available funds for the investment into cancer services for head and neck patients. • Feedback on the pilot for the non-melanoma skin cancer GP Referral Guideline at the Mater hospital is very positive. • Discussion to take place on gynae-oncology pathway when data complete. 	
E3	Surgical Centralisation (T. Holohan/A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPLND – process is underway in relation to the designation of a national centre for RPLND surgery. 	
E4	Medical Oncology/ Haemato-oncology/Molecular (P. Heckmann/M. Keane/D. O'Shea)	
	<p><u>Medical Oncology KPI December 2024:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dayward and inpatient capacity for medical oncology and haemato-oncology to be included in engagement with the REOs. <p><u>Systemic Therapy Programme (STP)/Cancer Drug Management Programme (CDMP)/Molecular</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discussion is needed in relation to the management of patients out of hours in non cancer centres and support from general medical and surgical teams. The management of patient transfers, transfer times and access to clinical trials in non-cancer centres need to be considered as part of the MOU with regions. Action: Review to be completed. 2. Upcoming meeting with the CCO and NCPE to discuss drug funding pathways. 3. Follow up with the NDTP to discuss registrar posts in medical oncology. Action: Further information to be sought. 4. The NCCP Regimens webpages for myeloma, lymphoma and leukaemia are currently being reorganised. 5. The HSE guidance for Paxlovid has been agreed and published. 6. Meeting recently took place between HSE Estates and NCCP to discuss the development of stem cell laboratory and ACU infrastructure at Cork University Hospital. 7. A CAR-T co-ordinator recently commenced in role at University Hospital Galway. It is hoped that the CAR-T service will commence there later in the year. 8. One new cancer drug (Quizartinib) has been approved for reimbursement from 1st Feb 2025. 	<p>1.P. Heckmann/M. Keane/D. O'Shea</p> <p>3.P. Heckmann/M. Keane</p>
E5	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann	
	<p>Roll-out continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 of 26 hospitals live. Naas Hospital go-live was completed in December. • Wexford General Hospital, Cork University Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital are progressing with implementation projects. • University Hospital Waterford go-live date has been postponed until Q2 2025 due to resource challenges. • PID for Mater Misericordiae University Hospital is under review. • Portiuncula Hospital is experiencing a challenge in resourcing the project. 	

E6	Radiation Oncology (C. Faul / F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing levels of Radiation Therapists has significantly improved. A significant increase in referral pattern to Beaumont Hospital has been noted. Linear accelerator capacity is a challenge there. A business case is being prepared in relation to the use of radioprotective spacers in radiation oncology treatment for prostate cancer after a successful pilot. SLRON and Cork have been providing a complete liver SABR service. Tattoo-less breast radiation techniques have been introduced. UPMC contract – process is nearing completion. Cyberattack Preparedness - work on this project is ongoing. Artificial Intelligence (AI) – a proposal has been accepted by ASTRO as an abstract. 	
E7	Cancer Networks (F. Bonas/M. Cox)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent meetings have taken place with HSE Dublin and Midlands region and HSE Mid-West region. Meetings to be scheduled for Cork University Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospital. Existing cancer network meetings will continue while the approach to regional engagement on cancer control is discussed with the REOs. 	
E8	Community Oncology (B. Neville)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCP hosted a public webinar on February 4th to promote World Cancer Day. 	
E9	Cancer Nursing (T. Hanan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A National NCCP Acute Haematology Oncology Nursing service (AHOS) meeting will take place on February 11th to review metrics, the role of type three hospitals and to evaluate the roll-out of video enabled care. Survivorship - Patient and Staff information is being developed regarding Menopause and Cancer following a meeting with NWIHP. 	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
	<u>National Cancer Care Experience Survey (CCES)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HIQA have issued a Delphi Study on proposed questions for inclusion. Engagement has commenced with hospitals and regions to identify hospitals who would like to participate in the data extraction test of the proposed methodology. 	
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
10TH MARCH 2025 AT 10.30AM, MS TEAMS		