

## NCCP EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETING

**Date:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022 @ 10.30am via Webex

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

**Apologies:** P. Heckmann

**Invited:** A. Defrein, C. Mellett, T. Flattery, M. Cox  
Invited attendee for Item A1: Prof. O. Smith, E. Nolan

A. PRESENTATIONS		
A1	<p><b>National CAYA Programme</b> Update provided by Prof. O. Smith (National Clinical Lead CAYA)</p> <p><b>Action: Working group to be established to develop a proposal for Paediatric AYA Radiation Oncology to be included in CAYA framework</b></p>	O. Smith / C. Faul
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING		
B1	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> The minutes of the EMT meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November were agreed.</p>	
B2	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p><b>1. Update on SACT Model of Care (Nursing elements)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ An update on progress to date was given by TH and CO. The main areas addressed include integrated Care, AOS, Workforce planning and the nursing competency programme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> <b>Ongoing support through NSP required for further realisation of SACT MOC recommendations</b></p> <p><b>Funding for SACT process to be reviewed</b></p>	A.Defrein
C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS		
C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSP 2023 – work is ongoing to plan allocations</li> <li>• National Cancer Strategy 2017 – 2026 Implementation Report 2021 has been published by the DOH</li> <li>• Two national clinical lead positions NCCP (Geriatrics &amp; Cancer Research) have been advertised</li> <li>• National Genetics &amp; Genomics strategy will be launched by the HSE on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022</li> </ul>	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	<p><b>NCCP Risk Register</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk register process document was amended in line with feedback received. Revised process document was approved by NCCP EMT.</li> </ul>	

<b>E1</b>	<b>Cancer Screening (F Murphy)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Screening KPIs continue on track for return to pre-pandemic levels</li> <li>Dr. Scally's updated report on Cervical Check has been published</li> <li>The National Screening Advisory Committee has issued their programme of work for 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current vacancy on Committee - consider NCCP representative</li> </ul> </li> <li>Radiology Capacity meeting to be re-scheduled for January 2023</li> </ul>	
<b>E2</b>	<b>Evidence and Quality Hub (F Bonas/E. O'Toole)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on programme of work in relation to skin cancer, breast family history, prostate cancer, urological and lung cancer.</li> <li>NCEC – meeting to be arranged</li> <li>Radiation Oncology – next literature reviews will focus on AI. A capacity escalation plan has been developed post covid.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Communication to be sent to hospitals to advise when guidelines have been updated, and location of guidelines to ensure correct version of document is being used</b></li> <li><b>NCCP EMT to be advised when a guideline is being withdrawn</b></li> </ol>	E. O'Toole
<b>E3</b>	<b>Cancer Intelligence (P Cafferty)</b>	
	<p>KPI report was circulated and noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Situation remains challenging, particularly at UHG and CUH. There have been proactive developments in managing backlogs for urgent/non-urgent cases</li> </ul>	
<b>E4</b>	<b>Public Health, Community Oncology and Prevention/Early Detection (T McCarthy)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work to commence with Pavee Point on social inclusion early 2023</li> <li>Based on the Healthy Ireland Survey, the target to reduce tobacco use to 5% by 2025 will not be reached. Policy measures are being reviewed to deliver a renewed focus on this.</li> <li>The NCRI recently published its annual statistical report - Cancer in Ireland 1994-2020: Annual Statistical Report 2022. This is available at <a href="https://www.ncri.ie/publications/statistical-reports/cancer-ireland-1994-2020-annual-statistical-report-national-cancer">https://www.ncri.ie/publications/statistical-reports/cancer-ireland-1994-2020-annual-statistical-report-national-cancer</a></li> <li>Covid - Case numbers are staying steady, ICU numbers are stable. There have been some changes to covid guidelines.</li> </ul>	
<b>E5</b>	<b>Cancer Nursing (T Hanan/C. Osborne)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update provided on SACT Model of Care (Nursing elements)</li> </ul>	T. Hanan
<b>E6</b>	<b>Surgical Programme (A. Hill)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCIS is being used at Beaumont Hospital in MDMs. Process is working well with further progress expected in 2023.</li> <li>Robotics and AI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Robotic colorectal surgery may become standard over the next few years.</li> <li>Work is progressing to explore the suitability of using AI in radiology.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Recruitment – Role for GPs e.g. in breast mastalgia clinics.</li> <li>Centralisation of radical bladder cancer surgery – noted that the NCCP will contact centres to discuss plans for centralisation.</li> </ul>	
<b>E7</b>	<b>Radiation Oncology (C. Faul/F. Bonas)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Radiation Oncology KPIs</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Work ongoing to address capacity and process issues</li> <li>• Main issues for radiation oncology services generally continue to be capacity, staffing and ageing equipment</li> <li>• Radiation oncology working group is reviewing decrease in KPI for three centres</li> <li>• Contingency measures have been put in place in SLRON to improve capacity</li> <li>• Work is ongoing to advance development of SABR plan</li> <li>• Proton group is gathering national feedback on requirements</li> <li>• MRI training for Radiation Therapists is a WIP progressed by ROWG.</li> <li>• Approval for consultant posts is in process. Recruitment is taking time.</li> <li>• NCCP are participating in the national review of radiation therapists, work is due commence in the coming weeks.</li> <li>• Work ongoing re. services in Waterford and Limerick.</li> </ul>	
<b>E8</b>	<b>Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (A.Defrein/M Keane)</b>	
	<p><b>Systemic Therapy Programme</b></p> <p><b>KPIs:</b> There are on-going capacity issues in a number of hospitals and mitigation actions are being taken (e.g. longer working days/weeks, reconfiguration of day wards etc.).</p> <p><b>Action: Consider options for developing service in other centres to support capacity issues</b></p> <p><b>Molecular</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working group meeting taking place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<b>A Defrein</b>
<b>E9</b>	<b>National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – A Defrein</b>	
	<p><b>Implementation Project Updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation has been completed in nine hospitals</li> <li>• CHI at Crumlin went live on the 21st November and Letterkenny University Hospital went live on November 8<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Several hospitals are also planning for go-lives in the early part of 2023</li> </ul> <p><b>Action: Implementation plan to be shared with NCCP EMT</b></p>	<b>N.Newcombe</b>
<b>E10</b>	<b>Cancer Networks (F Bonas/P Cafferty)</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for schedule of meetings for 2023 is under way</li> </ul>	
<b>F</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tumour Conference SOP has been shared with cancer centres.</li> </ul>	
<b>G</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<p><b>Radioisotopes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The issue around global shortage of production of molybdenum-99 (Mo-99) has been resolved.</li> </ul> <p><b>RHAs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on NCCP planning for RHAs to be provided at the next meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>		
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 @ 10.30am</b>		