



NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 13th January 2025 @ 10.30am, MS Teams

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

Apologies: M. Keane

Invited: R. Conway, M. Cox, T. Flattery, C. Mellett, F. McGuire

A. PRESENTATIONS	
	None
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	
B1	Minutes of the previous meeting
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The minutes of December 2nd meeting were agreed.
B2	Matters Arising
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Access to Pet-CT nationally is a challenge – M. Keane to follow up issue within West North-West region<ul style="list-style-type: none">The issue was discussed as recent cancer networks meeting. Business Case is being developed by the HSE West North-West region.
C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS	
C1	<p><u>Retirement</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Patrick Cafferty, Assistant National Director, Business & Planning NCCP has retired. <p><u>HSE Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Work ongoing with REOs, HSE Planning and Performance and HSE Access and Integration on new processes, particularly in relation to performance oversight and engagement with the regional cancer servicesDraft MOU has been prepared and implementing that with the regions will be a key focus in 2025. <p><u>NCCP Clinical leads</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Process for replacement is underway for National Clinical Leads for Psycho-oncology and Haemato-oncology. <p><u>Stakeholder events</u></p> <p>Upcoming event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Survivorship/Quality of Life event – 23rd January
D. STANDING ITEMS	
D1	EU Cancer Projects
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">CCI4EU<ul style="list-style-type: none">Deep dive meetings for this project took place in November, with

	<p>excellent participation from a broad range of stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The NCCP has provided input into the interim report on the Deep Dive. - The next Deep Dive meetings are scheduled for April 1st and 2nd 2025. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is ongoing on EUNetCCC (Crane 2), Jane 2 and Joint Action on Personalised Cancer Medicine (PCM). Upcoming meeting has been scheduled with the DOH to review funding and Work Packages. • Joint Action on non-communicable diseases – funds have been distributed to University College Cork and the Food Safety Authority. 	
D2	<p>NSP 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft National Service Plan was submitted by the HSE to the Minister at the end of last year, in line with the Letter of Determination and it is expected to be published shortly. • The details of the NCCP allocations are being finalised. 	
E1	Cancer Intelligence (T. Holohan/R. Conway)	
	No update at this 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 which are expected to be published in the spring. • Tumour Conference standard of care treatment protocol for Breast is in development. • Breast imaging - issue has arisen within Dublin and North-East region. Action: A. Hill to follow up with Regional Executive Officer for region. • Elective surgery – cancer cases are being prioritised for treatment during the winter pressures on hospitals. 	A.Hill
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)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Cancer Care Experience Survey (NCCES) – engagement is ongoing with various stakeholders including hospitals, volunteers re. testing the patient selection methodology and NCCP Cancer Intelligence team to progress. • The NCCP Regimens webpages for myeloma, lymphoma and leukaemia are currently being reorganised. SACT services teams have been informed that the above regimen webpages will be inaccessible intermittently from 9th – 14th Jan 2025. • [REDACTED] – capacity is improving and expected to return to normal levels in the coming months. • Radioligand therapy group is being convened in NCCP. Approach has been agreed with the DOH. 	
E5	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann	
	<p>Roll-out continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 of 26 hospitals live. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wexford General Hospital have agreed their PID and project team is in place locally. University Hospital Waterford go-live date has been postponed until Q1 2025, PAS interface is live. Cork University Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital are progressing with implementation projects. 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"> KPIs have significantly improved due to the recruitment of graduate Radiation Therapists. A new ruleset defining ready to treat dates for prostate cancer patients under the radiation oncology KPI has been agreed. Protons – A patient information booklet is in development for patients who go abroad for proton therapy. Update to follow at future meeting. UPMC contract – process is nearing completion. Beaumont Phase II – delayed progress continues to impact capacity at that site. Further discussion needed with Mid West region on radiotherapy services. A business case for an MRI is in development for Galway. This should allow for stereotactic radiosurgery to proceed in due course. The work of the Radiation Oncology Working Group (ROWG) is focused on the following three project areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Artificial Intelligence (AI) – two meetings have taken place. An AI national survey to be developed. Cyberattack Preparedness – a document is in development. Radioligand Treatment – it was agreed that work on this in relation to radiotherapy would align with the national group, as mentioned above. <p>Action: C. Faul to discuss radioligand group with P. Heckmann.</p>	C.Faul/ P. Heckmann
E7	Cancer Networks (F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancer network meetings are underway for Q1. Recent meetings have taken place with West North-West region, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and St. Vincent's University Hospital. Meeting to be scheduled for Cork University Hospital in Q1. 	
E8	Community Oncology (T. McCarthy)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World Cancer Day is taking place on February 4th. NCCP will be hosting a public webinar to promote this event. Flu/Covid – The number of flu cases has been rising leading to increased levels of hospitalisation. Reported Covid incidence remains moderate. 	
E9	Cancer Nursing (T. Hanan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acute Haematology Oncology Nursing service – roll-out of video enabled care is continuing, 14 sites are live. A National NCCP Acute Haematology Oncology Nursing service (AHOS) meeting will take place in February. Survivorship - Patient and Staff information being developed re Menopause and Cancer following a meeting with NWIHP. 	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
G	AOB	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
10TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 10.30AM, MS TEAMS		

