



SunSmart sample terms of reference for skin cancer prevention group

Rationale

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Ireland and accounts for over one-third of all new cancers diagnosed annually¹. The NCRI have estimated that between 2015-2045 the incidence of skin cancer will almost double². Ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun and artificial sources is the main risk factor for the development of skin cancer. The International Agency for research on cancer (IARC) classifies UV radiation as carcinogenic to humans (Class 1)³.

In the recently published Skin Cancer Prevention Plan (2019-2022) outdoor workers have been identified as a high-risk group as the nature of their occupation exposes them to increased UV radiation from the sun⁴. Outdoor workers can be exposed to between 2-3 times more solar UV radiation than indoor workers⁵.

Key Aim

Oversee an organisational Skin Cancer Prevention Framework.



Key Objectives

- Develop a range of skin cancer prevention initiatives for outdoor workers
- Increase awareness of solar UV protection behaviours
- Increase adoption of solar UV protection behaviours
- Provide training and education to staff on solar UV protection behaviours

Evaluate impact

1. Publish solar UV protection policy
2. Complete solar UV protection risk assessment/audit

Governance

- A chair will be appointed to the group.
- Progress from this group will be reported back to the National Skin Cancer Prevention Implementation Group through the National Outdoor Workers Sub-group.

Membership (proposed)

Membership of the Advisory group will include:

A quorum of ___ will be required for meetings.

Secretariat support will be provided by _____.

The group will meet _____ a year. Teleconference facilities will be made available as appropriate.

Documentation

Documentation for meetings will ordinarily be circulated to members in advance of meetings. Notes of meetings will be circulated to members within a reasonable period after the meeting. Transmission of documentation will ordinarily be by e-mail.



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