



NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 7th October 2024 @ 10.30am, MS Teams

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

Apologies: None

Invited: R. Conway, T. Flattery, C. Mellett

A. PRESENTATIONS	
A1	<p>NCIS update (Prof. Oscar Breathnach, Consultant Medical Oncologist/Chair NCIS Implementation Group)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive noted the developments made in this programme and acknowledged the work of the NCIS project team in the NCCP and staff in the participating hospitals that are implementing the system.
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	
B1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of September 9th meeting were agreed. Dr. Derville O’Shea, NCCP National Lead for Haemato-oncology was welcomed as a member of the National Executive.
B2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The repatriation of Prostate cancer patients from Altnagelvin to Saolta to be raised with HSE Health Region West/Northwest (F. Bonas)
C. DIRECTOR’S ITEMS	
C1	<p><u>BUDGET 2025</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New funding for cancer services and the implementation of the Cancer Strategy announced as part of Budget 2025. <p><u>HSE Structures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing with REOs and HSE Access and Integration on new processes. <p><u>Surgical centralisation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pelvic exenteration – work is ongoing. <p><u>Stakeholder events</u></p> <p>Recent events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Launch of Community Cancer Nurses e-learning event – 6th September Nurse Leaders Meeting – 11th September <p>Some upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Medical Oncology meeting – October 11th Irish Sarcoma Group Symposium – October 18th NCCP Clinical Leads Forum – 1st November Urology AQR meeting – 8th November

D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	EU Cancer Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EUNetCCC (Crane 2) – commencing Q1 2025 • Jane 2 – commencing Q1 2025 • 2024 EU4Health Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information will be circulated to Executive members. • CCI4EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project is being led by TCD/SJH CI. “Deep dive” meetings will take place over November 11th & 12th. 	
D2	NSP 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter of Determination is awaited from the Department of Health, due mid-October. • National Service Plan will be prepared by the HSE over the coming weeks. 	
E1	Cancer Intelligence (T. Holohan/R. Conway)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly KPI performance was noted. • The importance of recognising the Health Regions’ accountability for operational performance was noted, and the NCCP’s role in defining quality and safety measures including KPIs. • In the context of a transition to Health Regions, the need to define a performance management system that is consistent across tumour types and sustainable over time was noted. The NCCP is developing a policy position in relation to performance management using KPIs. 	
E2	Community Oncology (T. McCarthy)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual symposium of the Irish Cancer Prevention Network – October 9th • Covid incidence is stable. Have engaged with the National Immunisation Office regarding the promotion of covid and influenza vaccination. 	
E3	Cancer Nursing (T. Hanan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survivorship – work to commence soon on early intervention regarding complex menopause. • Acute Oncology Nursing Service has been renamed to Acute Haematology Oncology Nursing service as a branding change, haematology patients were always included in this service since inception. • Recent meeting with Minister of Health at DOH’s Cancer Patient Advisory Council re AHOS Patient Information Leaflet and Alert Card. • Video enabled care has been rolled out in the Saolta group. • Recent launch of digital SACT competency passport for junior nursing staff. 	
E4	Surgical Oncology Programme (F. Bonas/A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breast Family History – work underway on pathways implementation plan. • RPLND - planning process for centralisation is ongoing. • Haematuria clinics – work underway to complete a gap analysis. • Gynae-oncology – recent meeting took place to look at next steps review of original framework. • Prostate – recent meeting with Urology clinical leads. 	
E5	Surgical Centralisation (T. Holohan/A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update will be provided at end of Q4. 	

E6	Radiation Oncology (F. Bonas/C. Faul)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement noted in KPI performance due to a number of mitigating factors including the recruitment of recent graduate Radiation Therapists. Some delays in equipment replacement programme, issue is being addressed through NPRO with the Project Director now in place SLRON has been providing a complete SABR service. The first meeting of the artificial intelligence group is due to take place in late October. UPMC contract negotiations have been ongoing and hope to be concluded in December Altnaglevin – monitoring group to be re-established at the end of Q4. Proton service is being discussed as part of DOH Shared Island cancer developments. 	
E7	Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology] (P. Heckmann)	
	<p>Medical oncology KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI performance is challenging and being impacted by [REDACTED] disruption and staffing challenges. [REDACTED] disruption – situation is being monitored and managed. <p>Cancer Drug Management Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IOP Cancer Care Hub –Launched on World Pharmacist Day 25th September There is a worldwide shortage of Pegasys®. Work is ongoing to assess the impact on relevant patient cohort. <p>Paxlovid (for COVID-19 treatment) recommendation from HSE noted. Action: Further follow up required by NCCP.</p> <p>Molecular – Somatic Testing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genomic Test Directory for Breast and Urothelial Cancer and Plasma Cell Disorders has been agreed and will be published on NCCP website shortly. 	P. Heckmann
E8	Haemato-oncology (D. O’Shea)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update covered under other agenda item. 	
E9	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann	
	<p>Roll-out continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 of 26 hospitals live, including 6 of the 9 Cancer Centres. Naas General Hospital agreed their PID and making good progress with the project. Go live planned for end Q4. University Hospital Waterford finalising go-live plans, anticipated go live date will be early November. Cork University Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital are progressing with implementation projects. PID for Mater Misericordiae University Hospitals is under review. Portiuncula and Wexford General Hospitals are experiencing challenges in resourcing the project. 	
E10	Cancer Networks (P. Cafferty/F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The importance of cancer network meetings as a forum for discussion of clinical and strategic issues was reiterated. Meetings will continue in Q4. 	

F	FOR INFORMATION	
	Cancer Patient Experience Survey - HIQA are commencing focus groups in October.	
G	AOB	
	<p>NCCP Risk Register – ‘Access to Drugs’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Following discussion at previous National Executive meetings, it was agreed not to add access to drugs to the NCCP Risk Register as there is a standard reimbursement assessment process in place by the HSE for new drugs and new indications for existing drugs. 	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
4TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 10.30AM ON MS TEAMS		