



NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 4th November 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, and D. O’Shea.

Apologies: T. McCarthy

Invited: H. Burns for T. McCarthy, R. Conway, T. Flattery, C. Mellett.
For Item A1: P. McCormack, D. Duke and E. O’Toole

A. PRESENTATIONS	
A1	<p>Overview of two National Clinical Guidelines:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> HSE National Clinical Guideline: Neoadjuvant treatment of patients with locally advanced rectal cancer (Dr. E. O’Toole, Prof. Paul McCormick, Consultant Colorectal Surgeon, St. James’s Hospital) HSE National Clinical Guideline: Diagnosis and staging of patients with breast cancer (Dr. E. O’Toole, Dr Deirdre Duke, Consultant Radiologist, Beaumont Hospital) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive approved the two guidelines and acknowledged the work of Prof. McCormack, Dr. Duke, the Guideline Development Groups and the NCCP Evidence & Quality team in the development of the guidelines.
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	
B1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The minutes of October 7th meeting were agreed subject to one amendment.
B2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation on use of Paxlovid - to be discussed with CCO.
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. Letter of Determination awaited from DOH <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"> Work is ongoing. <p><u>Stakeholder events</u> Recent events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Medical Oncology meeting – October 11th

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irish Sarcoma Group Symposium – October 18th NCCP Clinical Leads Forum – 1st November <p>Some upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urology AQR meeting – 8th November CCI4EU Deep Dive – 11th & 12th November Visit to Recovery Haven, Tralee – 15th November <p>It was noted that Dr. Helen Greally has retired from her role as NCCP Clinical Lead for Psycho-oncology. The National Executive expressed their gratitude for Helen’s contribution over the past six years.</p>	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	<p>EU Cancer Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCI4EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures (CCI) for the EU project funded by the EU Cancer Mission. The “deep dive” meetings (11/12 Nov), organised by TCD/St. James’s as the project beneficiaries, will be focused on governance, pathways and clinical research. 2024 EU4Health Call <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCP are involved in discussions on the PCM call. DOH EU Liaison Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recent establishment of group chaired by DOH comprising representatives from AICRI, HRB, NCRI, NCCP and others. 	
D2	<p>NSP 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter of Determination is awaited from the Department of Health. National Service Plan will be prepared by the HSE over the coming weeks. 	
E1	<p>Surgical Oncology Programme (F. Bonas/A. Hill)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breast Family History – work underway on pathways implementation plan. RPLND - planning process for centralisation is ongoing. 	
E2	<p>Surgical Centralisation (T. Holohan/A. Hill)</p> <p>Update will be provided at end of Q4.</p>	
E3	<p>Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology] (P. Heckmann/M. Keane)</p> <p>Medical oncology KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI performance is challenging and being impacted by capacity and staffing challenges. ██████ disruption – situation is being monitored and managed. ██████ have reported capacity is improving weekly. <p>Cancer Drug Management Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a worldwide shortage of Pegasys®. Work is ongoing to assess the impact on relevant patient cohort. 	

	<p>Cancer drug access</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement ongoing with HSE CCO on issues concerning access to cancer drugs. <p>Reimbursement updates October 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cemiplimab - mCSCC or laCSCC Entrectinib - solid tumours expressing a NTRK gene fusion 	
E4	Haemato-oncology (D. O'Shea/P. Heckmann)	
	<p>Two NCCP National Haemato-oncology Adult Patient Pathways have been updated and were noted by Executive. These pathways are published on the NCCP website.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> NCCP National Haemato-oncology Adult Patient Pathway: Acute Myeloid Leukaemia (AML) NCCP National Haemato-oncology Adult Patient Pathway: Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia (ALL) / Acute Lymphoblastic Lymphoma (LBL) 	
E5	Radiation Oncology (C. Faul / F. Bonas)	
	<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. There are some delays in equipment replacement programme. SABR programme for liver cancer is in place in SLRON and recently commenced in Galway. Plan in place for stereotactic programme to commence at Galway site soon. NCRI to update data on radiation oncology. Meeting of implementation steering group for Radiation Therapists review to take place mid-November. UPMC contract negotiations have been ongoing and hope to be concluded in December 	
E6	Cancer Intelligence (T. Holohan/R. Conway)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly KPI performance was noted. Work is ongoing on the development of NCCP policy position in relation to performance management using KPIs. 	
E7	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann	
	<p>Roll-out continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 of 26 hospitals live. Naas General Hospital are making good progress with the project. Go live planned for mid-December. University Hospital Waterford go-live date has been postponed due to staffing issues. Cork University Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital are progressing with implementation projects. PID for Mater Misericordiae University Hospitals is under review. On-site demo planned for Wexford General on November 14th. Portiuncula Hospital is experiencing a challenge in resourcing the project. 	
E8	Cancer Networks (P. Cafferty/F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cancer network meetings have been scheduled for Q4. 	

E9	Community Oncology (H. Burns)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual symposium of the Irish Cancer Prevention Network took place on October 9th • Launch of Ireland's Cervical Cancer Elimination Action Plan taking place November 15th. • Regional lung cancer awareness campaign in north Dublin was completed early September. Evaluation has commenced. Findings to follow. 	
E10	Cancer Nursing (T. Hanan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video enabled care has been rolled out in the Saolta group. • Plan in place to develop a telephone triage bespoke programme for AHOS service. • Community Cancer Nursing e-learning programme was launched at the beginning of September. The programme has been widely welcomed and is a key enabler for community based staff. 	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer Patient Experience Survey - Focus groups are ongoing. • Systemic Therapy Programme Newsletter has been circulated. • Pharmacy Excellence Awards - The NCCP National SACT Regimen Team have been nominated for three awards. 	
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DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
2ND DECEMBER 2024 AT 10.30AM, NCCP OFFICE		