

NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 8th January 2024 @ 10.30am, MS Teams

Present: R. Ó Laoide (Chair), F. Bonas, P. Cafferty, R. Conway, C. Faul, T. Hanan, P. Heckmann, A. Hill and T. McCarthy

Apologies: M. Keane

Invited: T. Flattery, A. O'Connell, C. Ni Bhuachalla and R. Ryan.

A. PRESENTATIONS		
	None	
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING		
B1	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The minutes of December 11 th meeting were agreed subject to a minor amendment.	
B2	Matters Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify patient representation on HSE EMT (R. Ó Laoide) <p>The NCCP values the contribution of patients, patient advocates and the public in all areas of its work. The NCCP has a long history of the involvement of patients in various policy implementation groups and has a Patient and Public Engagement Policy in place. The contribution of patient representatives is most applicable in areas such as guideline and pathway development, survivorship initiatives and psycho-oncology groups. Patients are actively involved in these groups. In addition, the Department of Health has a Cancer Patient Advisory Committee in place, which contributes to the development and implementation of cancer policy. The NCCP actively partners with committee members in projects and reviews of strategy implementation.</p>	
C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS		
C1	National Service Plan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>National Service Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Service Plan approved by the HSE Board before Christmas and has been submitted to the Minister. ○ Includes €3m for community cancer supports, which will be distributed by the NCCP through the Alliance of Community Cancer Centres. ○ No additional funding for hospital cancer services at this point. ○ Possible additional funding through the Womens Health Initiative in the DOH. Details to be confirmed. - <u>Recruitment moratorium</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Previous directives from the CEO, as outlined at previous Exec meetings, continue to remain in place. - <u>Health Regions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ REOs selected and Mid-West region REO in place. - <u>Clinical Lead for Geriatric Oncology</u> 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interviews scheduled. - <u>Surgical centralisation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Work ongoing in relation to pelvic exenteration. ○ Liver cancer - discussion to take place with Hepatology lead in HSE regarding national pathways. ○ Work ongoing in relation to retroperitoneal lymph node dissection for testicular cancer. - <u>Stakeholder events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit to Barretstown – December 15th ○ CTI Strategy Day - January 26th NCCP Executive to provide feedback to R. Ó Laoide. 	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	<p>EU Cancer Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crane 2 and Jane 2 (Joint Action on Networks of Expertise) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These programmes are currently at implementation stage. - A number of subject areas e.g cancer intelligence, survivorship would be of interest to NCCP and would provide opportunities for engagement. <p>Action: NCCP Executive to feedback to P. Heckmann regarding interest in participation.</p>	All
E1	Evidence and Quality (F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal meeting has been arranged to discuss chapter 11 – Quality and Safety, National Cancer Strategy – January 30th. 	
E2	Cancer Intelligence (R. Conroy)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KPI performance was discussed. • Data is incomplete due to the on-going industrial action. <p>Action: Meeting to be arranged with Saolta group to discuss improving Breast KPIs</p>	F. Bonas
E3	Public Health, Community Oncology and Prevention/Early Detection (T. McCarthy)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in hospitalisations due to respiratory illness noted; Covid hospitalisation rate is static from increase in vaccination rate. • World Cancer Day – February 4th. Public webinar to take place on Thursday February 1st. 	
E4	Cancer Nursing (T Hanan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work with Irish Cancer Society to resolve inequalities nationally regarding access to prosthetic appliances. 	
E5	Surgical Programme (A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer surgeries are continuing as scheduled. 	
E6	Radiation Oncology (C. Faul/F. Bonas)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent meeting with CORU to discuss prioritisation of registration process for Radiation Therapists with a particular focus on Northern Irish Radiation Therapists seeking accreditation in the Republic of Ireland. Update due Feb 2024. • Current engagement with HSE central HR to discuss organising a targeted recruitment abroad campaign. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derogation sought in relation to the recruitment of Radiation Therapists & Physicists • A strategy for the future of nuclear medicine for radiation oncology will be discussed at April meeting of radiation oncology working group. • AI update will be provided at next Executive meeting. • Upcoming NPRO meeting, awaiting update on equipment replacement programme plan. • SABR programme has recently commenced in Cork. 	
E7	Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (P. Heckmann)	
	<p>SACT KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data is incomplete due to the on-going industrial action. • Cancer intelligence team are engaging with hospitals regarding data returns. • SACT capacity remains a challenge nationally with many sites impacted by the recruitment moratorium. <p>Systemic Therapy Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the NCCP Nursing SACT passport Pharmacist Lectures (three) completed. • SACT Resilience group has been retired as NCCP National Hospital pharmacist Leads Group in place. • One new drug was approved for reimbursement from 1st January <p>Molecular</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance agreed for NCCP Molecular Test Directory. <p>Other</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A review of the disruption experienced due to Baxter relocation and Storm Agnes has concluded. 	
E8	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann	
	<p>Roll out continuing –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixteen hospitals are live. 5 out of 9 Cancer Centres • Train the Trainer Training planned for Tipperary University Hospital (30th January to 1st February) • University Hospital Limerick aiming for MDM go-live end of Q1 • Kick-off meeting for Mater Misericordiae University Hospital planned for January 17th. 	
E9	Cancer Networks (F Bonas/P. Cafferty)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent meetings have taken place with Saolta, CHI, DMHG, SVUH, Mater, Cork and Limerick. • All awaiting update on new regional structure. 	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
	n/a	

G	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="325 174 1182 241">• Tumour conference template (word version) is now available to download from website.	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
Monday 12th February 2024 @ 10.30am		