



## NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

**Date:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 @ 10.30am, MS Teams

**Present:** R. Ó Laoide (Chair), F. Bonas, C. Faul, P. Cafferty, T. McCarthy

**Apologies:** T. Hanan, P. Heckmann, T. Holohan, A. Hill and M. Keane

**Invited:** R. Conway, T. Flattery, C. Osborne for T. Hanan, T. Folliard for P. Heckmann, R. Ryan

| A. PRESENTATIONS             |   |
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| A1                           | No presentations at this meeting.   |
| B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING |   |
| B1                           | <b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were agreed.</li></ul>  |
| B2                           | <b>Matters Arising</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Draft NCCP Executive Terms of Reference were agreed.</li><li>Standard of care medication- meeting to be arranged with CCO office to discuss.</li></ol>   |
| C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS          |   |
| C1                           | <u>HSE Structures</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>REOs have formally taken over full responsibility for services</li></ul> <u>National Service Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>National service planning for cancer services has been grouped under planning for national strategies. The NCCP is continuing to work with the DOH Cancer Policy Unit to identify priority areas.</li></ul> <u>Surgical centralisation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pelvic exenteration – work is ongoing.</li></ul> <u>Stakeholder events</u> <p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nurse Leaders Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> September</li><li>National Medical Oncology meeting – October 11<sup>th</sup></li><li>Irish Sarcoma Group Symposium – October 18<sup>th</sup></li><li>NCCP Clinical Leads Forum – 1<sup>st</sup> November</li><li>Urology AQR meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> November</li></ul> |
| D. STANDING ITEMS            |   |
| D1                           | <b>EU Cancer Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>ECHoS-</b> draft report is being finalised.</li><li><b>CCI4EU</b> – tailored deep dive has been confirmed. Meeting to be arranged to discuss.</li></ul>  |

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| <b>D2</b> | <b>NSP 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSE Pay and Numbers Strategy has been approved.</li> <li>• Priority areas have been highlighted with REOs.</li> <li>• Ongoing engagement with Department of Health.</li> </ul>   |           |
| <b>E1</b> | <b>Cancer Intelligence (R. Conway)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monthly KPI performance was noted.</li> </ul> <b>Actions:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Meeting to be arranged regarding breast cancer. F. Bonas, P. Cafferty, R. Ó Laoide, A. Hill and L. Ryan to discuss.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Letter to be drafted regarding Prostate KPI in Galway</b></li> </ol>  | 2.F.Bonas |
| <b>E2</b> | <b>Community Oncology (T. McCarthy)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional lung cancer awareness campaign in north Dublin was completed early September. Evaluation commencing.</li> <li>• Upcoming annual symposium of the Irish Cancer Prevention Network – October 9<sup>th</sup> in person in NCCP.</li> <li>• Regional Cancer Prevention Officers are approaching one year anniversary since appointment. Evaluation to be completed.</li> <li>• Covid incidence is stable. Update will be provided at next meeting regarding vaccination plans.</li> </ul>   |           |
| <b>E3</b> | <b>Cancer Nursing (C. Osborne)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch of Community Cancer Nursing elearning programme on HSEland – September 6<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Recent meeting with Minister of Health at DOH’s Cancer Patient Advisory Council re AHOS PIL and Alert Card.</li> <li>• National Adult Palliative Care Policy to be launched September 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>   |           |
| <b>E4</b> | <b>Surgical Oncology Programme (F. Bonas)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gynae-oncology – follow up meeting required with Regional Executive Officer.</li> <li>• Breast Family History Pathway – meeting to be arranged.</li> <li>• RPLND - expression of interest process for national centre is underway.</li> <li>• Skin – non- melanoma skin cancer pilot project commencing at the Mater hospital.</li> <li>• Upcoming meeting end of September of skull base cancer clinical leads.</li> <li>• Head and Neck – meeting to be arranged to discuss.</li> </ul>  |           |
| <b>E5</b> | <b>Surgical Centralisation (T. Holohan/A. Hill)</b> <p>No update at this meeting.</p>   |           |
| <b>E6</b> | <b>Radiation Oncology (F. Bonas/C. Faul)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvement noted in KPI performance due to recruitment of recent graduate Radiation Therapists.</li> <li>• The National Review of Radiation Therapists has been finalised. Budgetary position for implementation of recommendations to be clarified by DOH.</li> <li>• The work of the Radiation Oncology Working Group is focused on three project areas; MRI planning, Artificial Intelligence and Cyberattack preparedness.</li> <li>• UPMC contract negotiations are ongoing.</li> <li>• UHL Radiotherapy contract: further follow up required with UHL to discuss options for the service and new developments proposed.</li> <li>• Altnaglevin – monitoring group to be re-established In Q4.</li> </ul> |           |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proton service is being discussed as part of Shared Island cancer developments.</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>E7</b>   | <b>Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (T. Folliard)</b>   |  |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Medical oncology KPIs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>██████ disruption is expected to impact on KPI from August onwards. Weekly meetings are being held regarding management of disruption.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Cancer Drug Management Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a worldwide shortage of Pegasys®. Work is ongoing to assess the impact on relevant patient cohort. CCO office has been advised.</li> <li>There have been two new cancer drug approvals since September.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
| <b>E8</b>   | <b>National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – T. Folliard</b>  |  |
|   | <p>Roll-out continuing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19 of 26 hospitals live, including 6 of the 9 Cancer Centres.</li> <li>Naas General Hospital agreed their PID and making good progress with the project.</li> <li>University Hospital Waterford, Cork University Hospital and Tallaght University Hospital are progressing with implementation projects.</li> <li>PID for Mater Misericordiae University Hospitals is under review.</li> <li>Portiuncula and Wexford General Hospitals are experiencing challenges in resourcing the project.</li> </ul>                   |  |
| <b>E9</b>   | <b>Cancer Networks (P. Cafferty/F. Bonas)</b>   |  |
|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No further update from last meeting.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <b>F</b>  | <b>FOR INFORMATION</b>  |  |
| <b>G</b>  | <b>AOB</b>  |  |
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| <b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>                               |   |  |
| <b>7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 10.30AM ON MS TEAMS</b> |   |  |