

## NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

- Date:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 @ 10.30am, MS Teams
- Present:** R. Ó Laoide (Chair), F. Bonas, P. Cafferty, R. Conway, C. Faul, T. Hanan, A. Hill and T. McCarthy.
- Apologies:** P. Heckmann, M. Keane
- Invited:** (Item A1) D. Love, B. McClean, and C. Malone. R. Ryan, T. Folliard, T. Flattery and S. Fox.

A. PRESENTATIONS		
<b>A1</b>	<p>Update on a position statement on the use of Artificial Intelligence in Radiation Oncology by Brendan McClean, Director of Physics, St. Lukes Radiation Oncology Network and Ciaran Malone, Physicist, SLRON.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Executive endorsed the recommendation to establish an NCCP AI working group which would report into the National Radiation Oncology Working Group</li> <li>2. Update on position statement to be shared at upcoming radiation oncology consultant group meeting by Prof. Faul.</li> <li>3. Follow up within HSE and Department of Health on current position on Artificial Intelligence prior to NCCP agreed actions in order to streamline approach</li> </ol>	<p>2.C.Faul</p> <p>3.F. Bonas</p>
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING		
<b>B1</b>	<b>Minutes of the previous meeting</b>	
	The minutes of February 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting were agreed.	
<b>B2</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	None	
C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS		
<b>C1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Health Regions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ REOs all now in place and Health Regions are operational.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <u>NCCP senior clinical posts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clinical Lead for Geriatric Oncology - Paperwork for joint appointees is being finalised.</li> <li>○ Consultant in Public Health Medicine – successful candidate is expected to start after Easter.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <u>National Service Plan</u></li> <li>- No further update on possibility of additional funding for national strategies.</li> <li>- <u>Recruitment moratorium</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consultant posts – working with CCO's Office and National HR to clarify the position in relation to consultant posts funded under previous National Service Plans.</li> <li>○ Critical front-line clinical posts – these derogations now have to go through the relevant REO.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Surgical centralisation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Work ongoing in relation to pelvic exenteration.</li> <li>○ Liver cancer – recent meeting held with representatives from the HSE National Clinical Programme on Gastroenterology and Hepatology.</li> <li>○ Work ongoing in relation to retroperitoneal lymph node dissection for testicular cancer.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <u>Stakeholder events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Haemato-oncology Clinical Leads Annual meeting – February 23<sup>rd</sup></li> <li>○ Irish Association for Cancer Research conference and IACR 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary symposium – February 27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ Visit to South Infirmary-Victoria Hospital – February 28<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ Launch of PRRT service in St. Vincents – March 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b>D. STANDING ITEMS</b>		
<b>D1</b>	<b>EU Cancer Projects</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AICRI conducting a workshop with the academic institutions in March 2024 to inform the development of a Cancer Mission Hub for Ireland, as part of the EU-funded ECHoS project. This follows on from three workshops facilitated by the NCCP with NCCP clinical leads; nursing &amp; health and social care professionals and patients &amp; patient advocates.</li> </ul>	
<b>E1</b>	<b>Evidence and Quality (F. Bonas)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal discussions held at the end of January in relation to National Cancer Strategy Chapter 11 – Quality and Safety.</li> <li>• Topic to be discussed further and update to be provide at future Executive meeting</li> </ul>	F. Bonas
<b>E2</b>	<b>Cancer Intelligence (R. Conway)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KPI performance was discussed.</li> <li>• Monthly returns of data improving following suspension of industrial action.</li> </ul>	
<b>E3</b>	<b>Public Health, Community Oncology and Prevention/Early Detection (T. McCarthy)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upcoming event on prevention and detection – Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup></li> <li>• Train the trainer event taking place this week on skin cancer prevention.</li> <li>• Networks/MDT meeting work to commence shortly on the hereditary cancer model of care.</li> </ul>	
<b>E4</b>	<b>Cancer Nursing (T Hanan)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acute oncology nursing (AON) service has agreed a pilot of a patient information card in Waterford, Tallaght and Naas hospitals.</li> <li>• Video enabled care pilot for AON is live in hospitals.</li> <li>• Work ongoing by NCCP nursing team on a patient temperature working group.</li> </ul>	
<b>E5</b>	<b>Surgical Programme (A. Hill)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing work on surgical centralisation noted.</li> <li>• A proposed approach to breast services workforce to be considered by A Hill &amp; colleagues and discussed with NCCP breast group.</li> </ul>	
<b>E6</b>	<b>Radiation Oncology (C. Faul/F. Bonas)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radiation Oncology Working Group are focused on Cyberattack preparedness. A further update to be provided to the Executive.</li> <li>• Upcoming meeting of the Radiation Oncology Consultant forum.</li> <li>• Some progress has been made on the equipment replacement programme plan.</li> <li>• Ongoing engagement with national procurement to discuss new private contracts.</li> <li>• National Radiation Therapy Review is due to be concluded soon.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting feedback from Department of Health on update on protons from recent Shared Island meeting.</li> </ul>	
<b>E7</b>	<b>Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (T. Folliard)</b>	
	<p><b>SACT KPIs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are ongoing capacity challenges in a number of day wards.</li> </ul> <p><b>CDMP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three new indications approved for reimbursement.</li> </ul> <p><b>Molecular</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NCCP Genomic Test Directory For Cancer</li> <li>Initial engagement with Plasma Cell Disorder Clinical Advisory Group on tests for plasma cell disorders</li> </ul> <p><b>Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIQA - Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES) - recruitment ongoing.</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>Sixteen hospitals are live</li> <li>Tipperary University Hospital go-live planned for March 11<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>University Hospital Limerick go-live planned for Q2.</li> <li>Mater Misericordiae University Hospital have appointed a Project Manager who is in post.</li> <li>Sligo University Hospital scheduled to go-live with MDM at end of March.</li> <li>Tallaght University Hospital resourcing a Project manager for three months to progress with installation.</li> <li>Engagement ongoing with Childrens Health Ireland to start testing of interface from EPIC EPR to NCIS for MDM patients only.</li> </ul>	
<b>E9</b>	<b>Cancer Networks (P. Cafferty/F. Bonas)</b>	
	Meetings have taken place recently with cancer networks. More meetings to take place in coming weeks.	
<b>F</b>	<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	
	n/a	
<b>G</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	n/a	
<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>		
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 @ 10.30am</b>		