

NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 12th February 2024 @ 10.30am, MS Teams

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

Apologies: T. McCarthy

Invited: D. Brennan (Item A1), D. Breen (Item A2), H. Burns, N. Keating (Item A2), C. Mellett, R. Ryan (Item A1), T. Flattery

A. PRESENTATIONS	
A1	<p>Update on NCCP National Cancer Research Group and EU National Cancer Mission Hub project was provided by Prof. Donal Brennan, National Clinical Lead for Cancer Research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive endorsed support for a national cancer research strategy. • Noted that the process for clinical trials approval needs to be improved to ensure access for patients.
A2	<p>Lung Cancer update by Dr. David Breen, Chair of NCCP Lung Cancer Clinical Leads group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key areas for development identified were timely access to diagnostics, electronic referral and KPIs.
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING	
B1	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting</p> <p>The minutes of January 8th meeting were agreed.</p>
B2	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback on spinal cord compression interim recommendations (E. O’Toole) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive endorsed the statement. 2. Note on principle of discussion of patients at MDM. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Executive endorsed the approach subject to minor amendments from P. Heckmann. Updated document to be shared with Executive.
C. DIRECTOR’S ITEMS	
C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Health Regions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ REOs have been appointed and all to be in place by March 1st. - <u>NCCP senior clinical posts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clinical Lead for Geriatric Oncology - Interviews completed and role has been offered. ○ Consultant in Public Health Medicine – interviews held last week. - <u>National Service Plan</u> - €3m for community cancer supports will be distributed by the NCCP through the Alliance of Community Cancer Centres. - Possible additional funding through the Womens Health Initiative in the DOH. Details to be confirmed.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Recruitment moratorium</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 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 - <u>Surgical centralisation</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Work ongoing in relation to pelvic exenteration. o Liver cancer - discussion to take place with Hepatology lead in HSE regarding national pathways. o Work ongoing in relation to retroperitoneal lymph node dissection for testicular cancer. - <u>Stakeholder events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o National OECl Forum on “Building Comprehensive Cancer Infrastructures in Ireland” was held on January 25th o CTI Strategy Day was held on January 26th o Haemato-oncology Clinical Leads Annual meeting – February 23rd o Irish Association for Cancer Research conference and IACR 60th anniversary symposium – February 27th o Launch of PRRT service in St. Vincents –March 1st 	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	EU Cancer Projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CraNE 2 (Joint Action on Networks of Comprehensive Cancer Centre Infrastructure) and JANE 2 (Joint Action on Networks of Expertise) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - University Hospital Galway Comprehensive Cancer Care Network (CCCN) pilot approved by CraNE 2 - JANE 2 nominees have been submitted. - Two additional Expressions of Interest have been submitted by the Department of Health for pilots in CraNE 2. 	
E1	Evidence and Quality (F. Bonas) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal discussions ongoing in relation to National Cancer Strategy Chapter 11 – Quality and Safety. 	
E2	Cancer Intelligence (R. Conway) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KPI performance was discussed. • Ongoing project noted with the goal of improving the functionality of SACT KPI. • Monthly returns of data improving following suspension of industrial action. 	
E3	Public Health, Community Oncology and Prevention/Early Detection (H. Burns) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospitalisations due to influenza remain at moderate to high levels. • Hospitalisations due to covid continue to decline. 	
E4	Cancer Nursing (T Hanan) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication has issued to cancer services regarding access to post-mastectomy prosthetic appliances and hairpieces. • Recent presentation by nursing team to the Emergency Medicine Clinical Programme. 	
E5	Surgical Programme (A. Hill) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work on surgical centralisation noted. 	
E6	Radiation Oncology (C. Faul)	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Derogation has been granted for the recruitment of Radiation Therapists & Medical Physicists • Radiation Oncology Working Group are focused on three areas: Artificial Intelligence, Cyberattack preparedness and a business case for national data collection software. Further updates to be provided to the Executive. • Awaiting update on equipment replacement programme plan. 	
E7	Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (P. Heckmann)	
	<p>SACT KPIs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACT capacity remains a challenge nationally with many sites impacted by the recruitment moratorium. <p><u>Systemic Therapy Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Version 2 of the NCCP Guidance on the Provision of Parenteral Systemic Anti-Cancer Therapy and Supportive Care in Community Services has been approved by the Medical Oncology and Haemato-oncology Clinical Leads groups. • SACT Services Teams ToR has been circulated to the hospitals via the Hospital SACT Services Teams <p><u>CDMP</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New NCCP SACT CAG for MPN has been established. First meeting took place on January 31st. • No new drugs approved for reimbursement on 1st February <p><u>Molecular</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance agreed for NCCP Molecular Test Directory. • Work is almost finished on the Roche Field Safety Notice for SP142 <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIQA - Cancer Patient Experience Survey (CPES) - recruitment ongoing. • Suspension of flow cytometry in SJH. Outsourcing solution has been confirmed. 	
E8	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann	
	<p>Roll out continuing –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixteen hospitals are live, including 5 out of 9 Cancer Centres • Train the Trainer Training completed for Tipperary University Hospital and go-live planned for March 11th. • University Hospital Limerick aiming for MDM go-live end of Q1 • Kick-off meeting for Mater Misericordiae University Hospital completed January 17th. • Train the Training for MDM only planned for Sligo University Hospital week of February 16th. • Tallaght University Hospital have encountered resourcing issues, implementation will be delayed until later in year. • Engagement with Childrens Health Ireland has commenced to start testing of interface from EPIC EPR to NCIS for MDM patients only. 	

E9	Cancer Networks (P. Cafferty/F. Bonas)	
	No update at this meeting	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
	n/a	
G	AOB	
	n/a	
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
Monday 11th March 2024 @ 10.30am		