

NCCP NATIONAL EXECUTIVE TEAM MEETING

Date: Monday 13th May 2024 @ 10.30am, MS Teams

Present: R. Ó Laoide (Chair), H. Burns, P. Cafferty, R. Conway, C. Faul, T. Hanan, P. Heckmann, A. Hill and T. Holohan,

Apologies: F. Bonas, M. Keane and T. McCarthy

Invited: T. Flattery, N. Keating (for F. Bonas) and C. Mellett

Invited for specific items: Item A1: Prof. R. Flavin, Prof. M. Day, Prof. J. Kennedy and Prof. O. Smith.
Item A3 E. O’Toole, L. Murphy and O. McDonnell.

A. PRESENTATIONS		
A1	<p>Update on SJH Biobank proposal by Prof. R. Flavin (Consultant Haematopathologist, St. James’s Hospital), Prof. M. Day (CEO, St. James’s Hospital), Prof. J. Kennedy (Co-Director Trinity St. James’s Cancer Institute) and Prof. O. Smith (Consultant Paediatric Haematologist).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive noted the outline of the proposal and noted that the biobank is wider than cancer but cancer will be a specific element. St. James’s Hospital representatives agreed for NCCP to be involved from a governance perspective to ensure wider integration and networking across national cancer services, particularly in relation to research. <p>Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Further discussion with St. James’s Hospital and HSE Estates required to agree how NCCP governance role in project is implemented. Draft proposal to be provided. NCCP to confirm support for proposal to HSE Estates subject to reaching agreement on NCCP governance role in project. 	1 & 2. R. Ó Laoide
A2	<p>Update on practical considerations for the move to the new health regions (P. Cafferty)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update was provided on practical considerations for NCCP arising from the establishment of the six health regions. <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Follow up with NCCP Clinical Forum to gather feedback. 	R. Ó Laoide
A3	<p>Update on National Clinical Guidelines (E. O’Toole):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> National Clinical Guideline Amendment: Diagnosis and staging of patients with prostate cancer National Clinical Guideline: Radiological staging and surveillance of patients with cutaneous melanoma <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The NCCP Executive endorsed proposed changes to guidelines. 	
B. MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING		
B1	Minutes of the previous meeting	
	The minutes of April 8 th meeting were agreed.	

B2	Matters Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCP Risk Register update – ‘Access to Drugs’ Action: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To be discussed at Internal Management Forum. Update to follow at NCCP Executive meeting. 	P. Cafferty
C. DIRECTOR'S ITEMS		
C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Health Regions</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings with individual REOs, and collective meeting, ongoing. . Plan to progress Regional Cancer Leads in each of the regions. NCCP working on process of future engagement with the regions. Interim arrangements for performance oversight in HSE Centre and Regions have been put in place. <u>NCCP senior clinical posts</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clinical Leads for Geriatric Oncology – Anne Horgan and Amanda Lavan took up the joint Clinical Lead role in April. NCCP Cancer Intelligence Lead appointed - Tony Holohan (Consultant in Public Health Medicine). <u>National Service Plan</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further update on Minister’s intention to secure additional funding for national strategies. NCCP planning process for 2025 is underway. <u>Recruitment moratorium</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. Critical front-line clinical posts – some movement on front-line posts. Clarity awaited on cancer nursing posts from National HR. The impact on hospital pharmacy posts will also be clarified. A small number of NCCP posts have been permitted to proceed to an “expressions of interest” process, with a view to possible grade to grade transfers to fill these posts. <u>Stakeholder events</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Committee on Health – April 10th US/EU cancer conference took place in Dublin April 25th and 26th 	
D. STANDING ITEMS		
D1	EU Cancer Projects	
	CCI4EU Project Eight surveys for the project are being coordinated by Trinity St. James’s Cancer Institute. Oversight is being provided by the NCCP and relevant stakeholders are involved in the completion of the surveys.	
E1	Evidence and Quality (N. Keating)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing work with NCCP cancer Intelligence colleagues to review quality and safety framework. Action: Update to be provided at next Executive meeting.	F. Bonas/E. O’Toole
E2	Cancer Intelligence (R. Conway/T. Holohan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KPI performance was discussed. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In relation to the Medical Oncology KPI, it was noted that challenges continue. Concomitant chemoradiotherapy in St. Luke's Hospital Rathgar is being impacted by radiotherapy services. <p>Draft protocol for dissemination of Annual KPI Reports was outlined.</p> <p>Actions:</p> <p>5. Follow up required regarding capacity at certain sites and update to be provided to Department of Health.</p> <p>6. P. Cafferty to follow up re. breast services in Mater Hospital.</p> <p>7. NCCP Executive to provide feedback to R. Conway on draft protocol and protocol to be discussed at future Executive meeting.</p>	<p>5.P. Cafferty/P. Heckmann/J. Gleeson/T. Folliard</p> <p>6. P.Cafferty</p> <p>7.All</p>
E3	Public Health, Community Oncology and Prevention/Early Detection (H. Burns)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft NCCP Early Diagnosis implementation plan was noted, feedback welcomed. 	
E4	Cancer Nursing (T. Hanan)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCP workshop for Nurse Leaders took place on April 25th Recent media activity to profile acute oncology nursing service. European Cancer Nursing day will take place on May 18th. Report on day ward nursing capacity has been finalised. 	
E5	Surgical Programme (A. Hill)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing work on surgical centralisation noted. Discussions ongoing regarding a proposed approach to breast services workforce by A Hill & colleagues. 	
E6	Radiation Oncology (C. Faul)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work ongoing to review KPIs New group established – Irish Society of Radiation Oncology Radiation Oncology Working Group are focused on Cyberattack preparedness and impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on radiation oncology. Work is ongoing on Phase II Beaumont project. Equipment replacement programme is ongoing. Ongoing engagement with national procurement to discuss new private contracts. 	
E7	Systemic Therapy Programme [Medical Oncology/Haemato-oncology] (P. Heckmann)	
	<p><u>Cancer Drug Management Programme</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Drug reimbursements</u> – there was one reimbursement approval on 1st May 2024 (Nivolumab) - neoadjuvant treatment of resectable NSCLC The Annual National Hospital Pharmacist meeting was held 1st May. NCCP Haemato-oncology Standardised Antiemetic for Inclusion in NCIS Working Group had their first meeting on May 2nd. <p><u>Molecular</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SIMT on SP142 is closed NCCP Genomic Test Directory for Ovarian cancer has been agreed and will be published on the NCCP website shortly. CRC test directory currently under development <p><u>Other</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HSPC measles post exposure guidance and pathways subgroup has been paused as guidance has been published. 	

E8	National Cancer Information System (NCIS) – P. Heckmann	
	Roll out continuing – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eighteen hospitals are live, including five out of nine Cancer Centres. • University Hospital Limerick go-live is planned for mid-May for MDM only. • Recent meeting with Mater Misericordiae University Hospital – PID still under review • University Hospital Waterford have agreed PID and project calls have commenced • Switchover of Letterkenny University Hospital to Saolta IPMS planned for weekend of 17th May. 	
E9	Cancer Networks (P. Cafferty)	
	No update at this meeting. Recent attendance at REO Performance Oversight meetings	
F	FOR INFORMATION	
	n/a	
G	AOB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up regarding Radiation Oncology representative for All Island Cancer Research Institute (AICRI). 	R. Ó Laoide
DATE OF NEXT MEETING		
Monday 10th June 2024 @ 10.30am		