National Review of Specialist Cardiac Services – Progress Update 3

Steering Group Meetings
The Steering Group met on 28th September 2018.

Progress
- Public Consultation - The web-based public consultation closed on the 17th August 2018. A report is being finalised with the key themes and will be submitted to the Steering Group.

- Stakeholder Consultation - The Steering Group agreed that a stakeholder consultation will take place on November 30th, 2018 in Department of Health, Miesian Plaza. Details are being finalised and invitations have been issued to relevant stakeholders.

- Communication – A dedicated webpage was created for the Review on the Department of Health website. This page contains all minutes of meetings (once approved by the Steering Group), press releases, FAQs etc.

- Data – In depth analysis of data from a range of sources is ongoing and feeding into the Steering Groups work. A scoping survey was issued to all public hospitals and analysis is now underway of the data returned from Acute Hospitals. A scoping survey into Private Hospitals has been issued.

- Evidence Review – HRB-CICER have been appointed to undertake the Evidence Review process and are currently finalising the protocols for use and draft questions were brought to the Steering Group for discussion/approval in September are currently being streamlined

- International Best Practice – Criteria for best practice sites commenced

Upcoming Activity in November 2018 – January 2019
- November 12th 2018 – Steering Group meeting
- November 30th 2018- Stakeholder Consultation
- Preliminary analysis of public hospital data
- Finalisation of web-based consultation report
- HRB CICER working on Evidence Based Review protocol
- On-going Stakeholder Engagement
- January 2019 – Planning for site visits to Irish hospitals begin.