

National Review of Specialist Cardiac Services - Summary of Steering Group Meeting

Date – 12.11.18

Location – Miesian Plaza Room 522, Department of Health

Attendees - Philip Nolan (Chair), Tanya King, Lucinda McNerney, Macartan Hughes, Geraldine McMahon, Sharon Donoghue, Celeste O’Callaghan, Denis Ryan (Secretariat), Sheona Gilsean (DoH),

Presentations: Patricia Harrington, Máirin Ryan, Kirsty O’Brien and Kieran Walsh (Health Research Board -Collaboration in Ireland for Clinical Effectiveness Reviews)

Apologies – Peter Wright, Claire O’Brien, Pat Nash, Jim McCarthy, Brendan McAdam

Summary of Discussion - The Chair welcomed the attendees to the Steering Group (SG) meeting and the minutes were put to the Steering Group from the last meeting of the 28th September 2018 and agreed to.

A report from Professor Kieran Daly on Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) care was noted by the SG for information purposes and this will be discussed at a future Steering Group meeting.

The Chair then welcomed Patricia Harrington, Máirin Ryan, Kirsty O’Brien and Kieran Walsh from (HRB – CICER) to the meeting. They presented an overview of their Evidence Based review and proposed protocol for the evidence review questions. The Steering Group had an extensive discussion of the proposed questions and other parameters of the systematic evidence review. The Chair agreed to solicit further feedback, including a teleconference with a number of the cardiologists on the Steering Group. HRB-CICER would then revert to the Chair with a detailed protocol for the evidence review for signoff.

The Steering Group discussed a detailed report on the web-based public consultation, including quantitative and thematic qualitative analysis of responses received. Members of the SG were asked to review it further and to come back with any comments. A member of the Secretariat would be present an overview of the results to the SG at a later meeting. The consultation had proved very useful and would feed into the deliberations and final report of the National Review.

The Group then had a discussion on work package (WP) updates. In relation to WP 1, the Secretariat informed the meeting that the survey had issued to all public hospitals and responses had been received from all of them, analysis of the data had started, and a report would be prepared for the SG. Several private hospitals still had not completed surveys, and the Secretariat were following up with any outstanding hospitals. HIPE analysis is ongoing and nearly finalised. A meeting had been arranged for December between the Chair of the SG and the Health Intelligence Unit with regard to mapping questions.

In terms of WP 4, a key stakeholder consultation will be take place provisionally on Friday 30th November in the Department of Health HQ in Miesian Plaza. A draft programme for the event was discussed and the SG were be invited to provide any comments or observations to the Secretariat regarding the event. Letters of invitation have been issued to key stakeholders for the event. A formal invite to the SG would issue in the coming days.

The Secretariat also updated the SG on WP5 in relation to International best practice. Criteria for best practice sites is currently being drafted. Two members of the International Reference Panel are assisting with this work.

Decisions – Minutes of 28th September approved

Actions – Secretariat to continue preparations for public stakeholder event; Secretariat to finalise acute hospital survey data and HIPE analysis report; Secretariat to continue seeking international experts with specific expertise to feed into the review.

Date/Time of next meeting – Friday 1st February (14:30 – 16:30)