

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

**Date** – 28.09.18

**Location** – Miesian Plaza Room 522, Department of Health

**Attendees** - Philip Nolan (Chair), Tanya King, Lucinda McNerney, Ivan Casserley, Pat Nash, Brendan McAdam, Geraldine McMahon, Jim McCarthy, Sarah Condell (Secretariat), Denis Ryan (Secretariat), Mary McGeown (NPSO), Sheona Gilsean (DoH),

**Presentations:** James O'Donoghue (PHA), Michele McCormack (PHA), John Hurley (PHA), Nadia Pustoshilova (PHA), Professor Peter Kearney (ESC).

*Apologies* – Peter Wright, Kieran Daly, Claire O'Brien, Sharon Donoghue, Celeste O'Callaghan, Frank McFall, Ken McDonald, Macartan Hughes

**Summary of Discussion** - The Chair welcomed the attendees to the Steering Group (SG) meeting and restated the key rationale for the Review and outlined that the review was taking shape and progress was being made. He noted that the Review was a complex task with a number of inter-dependencies and he reiterated his belief that the approach to the Review was a correct and valuable one.

The minutes were put to the Steering Group from the last meeting and agreed to.

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

The Chair then welcomed James O'Donoghue, John Hurley, Michele McCormack and Nadia Pustoshilova from the Private Hospitals Association to the meeting. They presented an overview of the Private Hospitals contribution in the provision of cardiology services to the healthcare system; their assessment of the future demographic and patient demand; along with the potential impact that Sláintecare may have on the on private healthcare provision.

Professor Peter Kearney of the European Society on Cardiology (ESC) then gave a presentation on the information available on the ESC atlas and how it may be used for comparative analysis with other ESC member countries. The SG will liaise with European Society of Cardiology to discuss getting access to its atlas of cardiology.

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 private hospitals and they were following up with any outstanding hospitals to get their survey results. HIPE analysis is ongoing with the Department's statisticians. Feedback on the questions for mapping was still awaited from Steering Group members, after which an approach can be made to the Health Intelligence Unit.

Progress in relation to WP2 was outlined. A Grant variation has now been approved and HRB-CICER are now in process of appointing 2.5 WTE to work on the project. The SG has provided HRB-CICER with some Evidence Review questions in relation to service configuration and networks.

Regarding WP 5, the public consultation has now closed, and the secretariat provided the meeting with an update on the numbers of fully completed surveys, more detailed qualitative analysis on key themes is ongoing and an update will be provided to the SG at the next meeting.

In terms of WP 4, a key stakeholder consultation will be take place provisionally on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November in the Department of Health HQ in Miesian Plaza. A save the date has been issued to key stakeholders for the event.

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 29<sup>th</sup> June approved

**Actions** – Secretariat to start preparations for public stakeholder event; Secretariat to finalise web-based public consultation report; Secretariat to continue seeking international experts with specific expertise to feed into the review.

**Date/Time of next meeting** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November (14:30 – 16:30)