**APPENDIX B – SITE SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS**

1. **Location**

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| **Site Selection Considerations** | |
| 1. **Geographical  Position** | Site is within the required distance of a proposed EC location e.g. Cork, Dublin and Galway metropolitan areas.  Considerations include:   * geographic position relative to wider population catchment area to be served. * geographic position that will provide potential for (current and future) maximum population coverage |
| 1. **Accessibility** | Site provides good access to a range of transport infrastructure options for both patients and staff.  Considerations include:   * access to the national road network * access to the regional road network * access to public transport services (bus, rail, tram) and walking time from nearest public transport stop |

1. **Suitability**

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| **Site provides a suitable solution for the establishment and operation of an EC**  *Sub-criteria to be considered are set out below* | |
| 1. **Scale** | Site is of sufficient size to accommodate the brief requirements of the EC and future expansion.  Considerations include:   * size of site can accommodate the EC building and expansion potential (in line with the indicative size and footprint of the individual centres as set out above) * Size of site takes account of impacts relating to height restrictions and zoning impacts such as site density. |
| 1. **Patient Experience** | Site will positively contribute to an enhanced patient experience e.g. accessibility, environment and availability of complementary services.  Considerations include:   * Site provides support for a positive experience for patients. * Site provides support for a positive experience for those people who may attend an EC in support of an individual patient (e.g. friend or family member). * Local Hotel/B&B Accommodation |
| 1. **Infrastructure** | Site provides reasonable access to necessary surrounding enabling infrastructure.  Considerations include:   * surrounding road network (capacity and flows) * utility (e.g. water and electricity and gas) networks * technology and communication networks * surrounding infrastructure has the necessary capacity to scale: * increased road traffic volumes * utility networks |
| 1. **Fit for Purpose** | Site provides an appropriate solution for the development of an EC.  Considerations include:   * site is appropriately zoned for this type of development. * surrounding physical environment provides an appropriate site for an EC * site does not provide any concerns in terms of environmental, archaeological, wildlife concerns. * site does not suffer from any form of long-term contamination |

1. **Integration**

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| **Site enables appropriate linkages for an EC with the wider public hospital network**  *Sub-criteria to be considered are set out below* | |
| 1. **Adjacency** | Site provides appropriate access to acute care provision within the wider public hospital network.  Considerations include:   * geographic position relative to an emergency department to provide contingency in case of the need of emergency care for a patient e.g. within reasonable journey time of an acute hospital (emergency department, i.e. circa 30 minutes in normal traffic) * geographic position relative to wider public hospital facilities e.g. enabling access to provision of overnight stays if and as required, potential for synergies through shared facilities and services. |

1. **Readiness**

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| **Site presents potential of minimal level of barriers and complexity in establishing and operating an EC**  *Sub-criteria to be considered are set out below* | |
| 1. **Control** | Control and ownership of the site does not present any material barrier/complexity to the [timely] establishment and operation of the EC  Considerations include:   * requirement for any “change of ownership” transaction. * requirement to engage with tenants or interested parties |
| 1. **Complexity** | Site does not provide any additional complexities.  Considerations include:   * site is unencumbered from any legal and/or financial creditor claims or liens. * access to site is unencumbered from any right of way claims, wayleaves etc |
| 1. **Preparation** | Site would require minimal preparatory works and activities to allow for the [timely] establishment of the EC  Considerations include:   * requirements for any preparation works to get site ready for the development of an EC, including for example * demolition / restoration works that are required. * accessibility / infrastructure connectivity works that are required. * environmental works that are required * archaeological investigations * requirements for any significant decant and relocation of existing services / staff. * consequential impacts of establishing an EC on the site on the quality, timeliness, and sustainability of existing adjacent healthcare services. |
| 1. **Planning** | Site does not present any specific risk to the achievement of planning permission.  Considerations include:   * Site does not have a history where planning permission for similar facility has failed or been difficult to obtain. * Zoning * Environmental impact considerations |