**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
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| 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
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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.
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| 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
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| 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
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| 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
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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.
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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 ECConsiderations include:* requirement for any “change of ownership” transaction.
* requirement to engage with tenants or interested parties
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| 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
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| 1. **Preparation**
 | Site would require minimal preparatory works and activities to allow for the [timely] establishment of the ECConsiderations 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.
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| 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
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