

**Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar:
Next steps for cancer services in Ireland**
Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th March 2024
*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 **Assessing the current landscape for cancer provision - improving survivorship and supportive care**
Professor Juliette Hussey, Professor in Physiotherapy, Trinity College Dublin
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for cancer provision to meet current and future need**
Enhancing timely access to care | Addressing waiting lists for elective care | Reconfiguring the patient pathway | Addressing health inequalities | Improving cancer awareness and community provision
Eileen Nolan, Programme Manager, National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP), Dublin
Richard Flaherty, Chief Executive Officer, Cancer Care West
Professor Michael Kerin, Chair of Surgery, University of Galway; and Director, Saolta University Cancer Network
Professor Seamus O'Reilly, Consultant Medical Oncologist, University College Cork
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Cancer awareness and key themes for advocacy - improving access to testing, diagnosis and treatment**
Averil Power, Chief Executive, Irish Cancer Society
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 11.05 **Public health priorities for cancer care - coordination with public health initiatives, raising awareness of cancer symptoms, and building an emphasis on prevention**
Senior representative, public health
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **The way forward for improving cancer services in Ireland**
Testing and early intervention | Developing new treatments | Assessing key issues for the cancer workforce | Priorities for cancer care in ongoing Sláintecare reform
Dr Thomas Hofmarcher, Research Director, The Swedish Institute for Health Economics
Olivia Breerton, SIPTU National Radiation Therapist Executive Member
Senior representative, diagnostics
Senior representative, drug development
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Utilising cancer research and innovation to improve service provision - funding, joined-up working and developing new treatments**
Professor Mark Lawler, Associate Pro-Vice Chancellor, Professor of Digital Health and Chair in Translational Cancer Genomics, Queen's University Belfast
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Ireland