

Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar:

Next steps for cancer services in Ireland

Timing: Morning, Thursday 7th March 2024

Taking Place Online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Bernard Durkan TD, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Joint Committee on Health
- 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 patient pathways | Addressing inequalities and service variation | Assessing key issues for the cancer workforce | Priorities for cancer care in ongoing Sláintecare reform
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
Deirdre Grant, CEO, ARC Cancer Support Centres
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**
Bernard Durkan TD, Leas-Cathaoirleach, Joint Committee on Health
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chair to be announced
- 11.05 **Key priorities for addressing cancer inequalities, risk and comorbidities**
Dr Nicolò Matteo Luca Battisti, President of SIOG; and Co-Chair of ECO's Inequalities Network
- 11.15 **Examining the developing role of AI in improving cancer patient outcomes**
Professor Ronan Cahill, Professor of Surgery, Mater Misericordiae University Hospital
- 11.25 **The way forward for cancer treatment in Ireland**
Key priorities for the cancer workforce | Screening and early intervention | access to innovative early detection, diagnostics and developing new treatments | Value for money
Dr Thomas Hofmarcher, Research Director, The Swedish Institute for Health Economics
Olivia Brereton, SIPTU National Radiation Therapist Executive Member
- 12.00 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for 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**
Chair to be announced
Tiernan Phipps, Lead Researcher, Policy Forum for Ireland