



Welcome to the first Newsletter setting out the progress of the Saolta Integrated Governance Project.

The Saolta Group Strategy 2019—2023 and Sláintecare sets out the need for greater integration to ensure more standardised and safer care and better outcomes for patients.

The introduction of Managed Clinical and Academic Networks (MCANs) for both Women's and Children's (W&C) and Cancer services will achieve this through our hospitals and individual specialities working closer together.

Over the coming months, the Saolta Programme Management Office (PMO) will keep staff updated as we move to this new structure.

What is a Managed Clinical & Academic Network (MCAN)?

An MCAN is a group wide management structure under which clinical services will be organised across Saolta Hospitals.

Each MCAN will have a Director, a General Manager and Director of Nursing/Midwifery.

Associate Directors will represent individual hospitals on the MCAN Management Team to oversee and develop group wide services.

The MCANs will be supported by core services including HR, Finance, Quality and Patient Safety and Information Services.

Key features of the MCAN include:-

- A collaborative approach to providing care with hospitals and specialities working together improving quality and outcomes for patients.
- Working closely with individual hospitals to develop and implement strategy, group-wide policies and clinical pathways to ensure improved access for patients.
- Further integration in education, research, and training to improve the recruitment and retention of staff and support the development of highly skilled multidisciplinary teams.

How will the MCANs be rolled out?

Work has been underway over the past 2 years to plan for the implementation of the MCANs. The first phase will begin in January 2020 and involve the formal establishment of the Women's and Children's MCAN and the Cancer MCAN. Outlined below are the specialities within each of the MCANs

This phase will be used to assess the model and impact on services. Feedback and learning will inform further roll out to other specialities across the Saolta Group.

In this first newsletter, we introduce the MCAN Directors:-

Professor John Morrison—Director of Women's and Children's MCAN

Professor Morrison has been a Consultant Obstetrician/ Gynaecologist with a Sub-Specialist in Feto-Maternal Medicine at University Hospital Galway since 1997. He has also served as Head/ Chairman of the Academic Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, at NUIG. His clinical commitment includes general obstetrics & gynaecology, but with a special emphasis on fetal medicine and high risk obstetrics, and is lead for the Saolta Group specialist referral services for these areas. He is a member of, and has served on national and international committees pertaining to clinical practice, research, and education in Obstetrics & Gynaecology. Speaking about his new role as MCAN Director, Professor Morrison states *"It is clear that integrated hospital networks function well for healthcare, and it is a privilege to be the Clinical Director for the Women's and Children's MCAN for the Saolta University Health Care Group"*



Professor Michael Kerin—Director of Cancer MCAN

Professor Kerin is the Chair of Surgery at the National University of Ireland, Galway, and a Consultant Surgeon in GUH with special interest in breast and endocrine cancer.

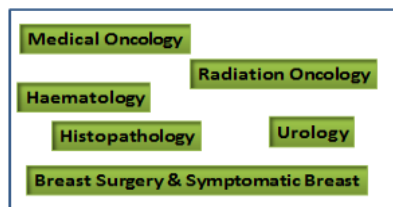
He is Research Director of the National Breast Cancer Research Institute and principal investigator at the Lambe Institute for Translational Research, NUI Galway and with Precision Oncology Ireland, a national collaborative cancer research initiative.

He is a member of both national and international committees and is a guest lecturer and a frequent keynote speaker at national and international cancer meetings. As he embarks on his new role Professor Kerin outlines *"I am delighted to take up the role of Director of the Cancer MCAN and look forward to working with staff across our Saolta Hospitals to further develop our cancer services to the highest standards for our patients."*

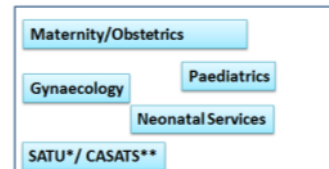


The Directors and incoming MCAN team plan to visit each hospital over the coming weeks to meet staff in preparation for the launch of the MCANs in January 2020. Further details in our next Newsletter.

Cancer MCAN Specialities



Women's & Children's MCAN Specialities



* Sexual Assault Treatment Unit
** Child/Adolescent Sexual Assault Treatment Services