



Welcome to the second Saolta Integrated Governance Project newsletter which will outline the progress underway to establish Managed Clinical and Academic Networks (MCANs) for both Women's and Children's (W&C) and Cancer services.

Both MCANs will be in place across the Saolta Group by the end of January 2020. This new structure will allow our hospitals and individual specialities to work more closely together resulting in safer and better patient care across the Group.

### Update in the establishment of the Managed Clinical & Academic Networks (MCAN)

Last month's newsletter introduced the MCAN Directors: Professor John Morrison-Director of Women's and Children's MCAN and Professor Michael Kerin - Director of the Cancer MCAN.

Elaine Dobell and Siobhan Horkan have been appointed as GM and Director of Paediatric Nursing in the W&C MCAN (Siobhan Canny already in post as Group Director of Midwifery) and Geraldine Cooley and Olive Gallagher have been appointed to these roles respectively in the Cancer MCAN. Associate Directors are currently being appointed on each site who will represent individual hospital/s on the MCAN Management Team.

The MCANs will be supported by core services including HR, Finance, Quality and Patient Safety and Information Services and detailed work is underway in relation to the specific requirements of both MCANs.

A series of staff engagement sessions have now begun across the Group hospitals and will continue over the coming weeks.

### How will the MCANs and each hospital work together

Significant work has taken place to plan for how the MCANs and hospitals will work together.

This work looked at four elements of the service: Clinical Care, Strategy, Governance and Planning and Performance and will ensure that there is clarity at Group, MCAN and hospital level in the delivery of safe staffed and sustainable patient care.

The MCANs will be responsible for setting the strategy, and the optimal coordination of MCAN services across the Saolta hospital sites. They will ensure multi-disciplinary teams are working together through the development and implementation of standardised clinical practices, policies and procedures.

Hospital Managers and the local Hospital Management Teams will retain operational day to day management responsibility on each site, while working very closely with the MCAN team to address related issues and put solutions in place. MCANs will support the hospital teams in the delivery and further development of services.

#### Some key Cancer MCAN priorities

- ◇ Integration of services through a group-wide approach based on care pathways
- ◇ Enhance and further develop MDMs for all cancer patients
- ◇ Improve cancer KPIs across the Group
- ◇ Work towards becoming a European Accredited Cancer Centre.

#### Some key W&C MCAN priorities

- ◇ Compliance with the National Maternity Strategy & National Paediatric Programme
- ◇ Development of special interest areas across the Group
- ◇ Develop a hub and spoke model across the Group particularly in relation to complex high risk cases and specialist areas.

*The next edition of the newsletter will give further details of the key priorities for each MCAN following the launch in mid January 2020.*



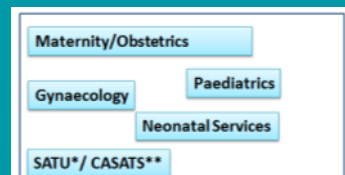
Prof Kerin meeting some of the LUH team

Women's & Children's team meeting with SUH colleagues

#### Cancer MCAN Specialities



#### Women's & Children's MCAN Specialities



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