Developing a Policy on a Trauma Network for Ireland

Background
As part of the overarching policy framework for the implementation of Hospital Groups, the Department of Health will develop national policy direction in relation to a number of key national and supra regional services.

The current fragmented arrangements for dealing with trauma in hospitals in Ireland have long been a subject of discussion. Therefore, the first focus for the development of policy direction in relation to the organisation of key national and regional specialist services is Ireland’s trauma service. The Minister has established a Steering Group (chaired by Prof Eilis McGovern) to deliver on this objective and it is expected that the work of the Group will be completed by Q2 2016.

The membership of this Steering Group is as follows:

Chair: Prof Eilis McGovern
National Programme Director, Medical Education and Training, Health Service Executive

Ms Fionnuala Duffy
Head of Unit, Acute Hospital Policy Unit 2, DoH

Dr Colm Henry
National Clinical Adviser and Group Lead - Acute Hospitals, HSE

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Joint Lead, Trauma and Orthopaedics Programme
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Dr Gerry McCarthy
Lead, Emergency Medicine Programme (Consultant in Emergency Medicine Cork University Hospital)

Dr Jacinta Morgan
Lead, National Rehabilitation Programme (Consultant in Rehabilitation Medicine, NRH)

Prof Colette Cowan
Group CEO of UL Hospitals

Prof Mary McCarron
Dean of Faculty of Health Sciences, Trinity College Dublin

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Deputy Chief Nursing Officer, DOH

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Director of Health Technology Assessment, HIQA

Mr Mark Ryan
Former CMD of Accenture Ireland

External Adviser
Prof Chris Moran
NHS National Clinical Director for Trauma, Professor of Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery, Nottingham University Hospital
The Terms of Reference of the Steering Group are:

1. To examine the international evidence base with regard to the most efficient and effective organisation of trauma services.
2. To examine the current and projected need for trauma services in Ireland.
3. To describe and evaluate current models of trauma care in Ireland.
4. To consider the information gathered on trauma in Ireland. This will allow monitoring of the effects of trauma systems changes and benchmark standards of care and outcomes nationally and internationally using robust data.
5. To examine options regarding the development of a trauma network for Ireland, including consideration of trauma care pathways, a trauma network as well as the designation of major trauma centres within any proposed network.
6. To consider the challenges in more remote communities where the full range of specialist trauma centres may not be available.
7. To consider and evaluate best international practice and make recommendations regarding the development of performance metrics for trauma care in Ireland.
8. To engage in appropriate consultation with key stakeholders to build consensus around a preferred policy for a trauma network for Ireland.
9. Having considered options, to submit a policy for a trauma network for Ireland to the Minister for Health.

The Steering Group is complemented by five Working Groups (Appendix 1 for membership) that will consider the following components of the trauma care pathway:

- Network organisation (e.g. designation criteria for a Trauma Network, a Major Trauma Centre, a Trauma Unit)
- Pre-hospital Care and Retrieval
- Reception and Intervention
- Reconstruction and On-going care, and
- Rehabilitation

Consultation
The National Trauma Steering Group is conducting a public consultation to assist its work in developing a policy on a Trauma Network for Ireland. Please click [here](#) to access the on-line survey.
## Appendix 1 – Membership of the Working Groups

### Pre-Hospital Care and Retrieval

**Chair: Dr Cathal O’Donnell**  
Medical Director, National Ambulance Service

Dr John McAdoo  
Lead, Retrieval and Transport Medicine Programme

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Sharon Heffernan  
Statistician, Road Safety Authority

Ms Fiona Brady  
Assistant Director of Nursing, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda

Alan Mulligan  
Patient Representative

Professor Conor Deasy  
Deputy Medical Director NAS & Chair Major Trauma Audit, NOCA

### Reception and Intervention

**Chair: Dr Gerry McCarthy**  
Lead, Emergency Medicine Programme

Dr Michael Power  
Lead, Critical Care Programme

Prof. Frank Keane  
Lead, Surgery Programme

Mr Keith Sinnott  
Orthopaedic Consultant, MMUH

Mr Donncha O’Brien  
Consultant Neurosurgeon, Beaumont Hospital

Dr Peter Kavanagh  
Lead, National Radiology Programme

Ms Orlagh Claffey  
Hospital Manager, MRH Tullamore

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Nurse Lead Emergency Medicine Programme

Mr Damien McGovern  
Patient Representative
**Reconstruction and On-going care**

**Chair: Mr Paddy Kenny**
Lead, Trauma and Orthopaedics Programme

Mr Aiden Devitt  
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Mr Emmett Andrews  
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CSPD Programme Manager for Neurology, Epilepsy and Rehabilitation Medicine

Galen English  
Patient Representative

**Rehabilitation**

**Chair: Jacinta Morgan**
National Clinical Lead, CSPD Rehabilitation Medicine Programme

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Principal Medical Social Worker and Senior Medical Social Worker in Orthopaedics, Saolta Hospital Group, Galway

Niall Pender  
Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin and Board Member of Headway Ireland

Ciara Rowan  
Acquired Brain Injury Clinical Nurse Specialist, Neurocent Directorate, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

Elaine Whelan  
Speech and Language Therapy Manager, St Camillus’s Community Neurorehabilitation Team, Limerick

Ger Scully  
Patient representative and Board Member of Irish Wheelchair Association

Yvonne Rossiter  
Director of Rehabilitation Services, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Nicky Scaramuzzi  
General Practitioner, Wicklow, Board Member, Disabled Drivers’ Medical Board of Appeal
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Policy advisor and past CEO Spinal Injuries Ireland

**Mr Morgan McMonagle**  
Vascular Surgeon, Waterford Regional Hospital

**Ms Bridie O’Sullivan**  
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