

Report on	Cancer Strategy for Northern Ireland 2021-2031 - Consultation
Date of Meeting	12 th October 21
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	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To advise Members of the opportunity to respond to a consultation document entitled "Cancer Strategy for Northern Ireland 2021-2031".
2.0	Background
2.1	Extracts from the Ministerial forward from Robin Swann at the start of the consultation document states: "My vision is to ensure that everyone in Northern Ireland, wherever they live, has equitable and timely access to the most effective, evidence-based referral, diagnosis, treatment, support and person centred cancer care... The Cancer Strategy affords us the opportunity to look forward 10 years to identify and implement what will really make a difference for people living with cancer. Reducing health inequalities is integral to the implementation of this strategy."
2.1	The Co-chairs forward states: that the strategy has been developed using a quality improvement approach called quadruple aim which focuses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving the health of our people 2. Improving the quality and experience of care 3. Supporting and empowering staff 4. Ensuring sustainability of our services
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The NI Cancer Strategy consultation document can be accessed via the link below: https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-cancer-strategy-northern-ireland-2021-2031
3.2	The five main questions within the consultation are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you agree that the strategy has identified the correct strategic priorities? 2. Do you agree that these recommendations will reduce the number of preventable cancers in NI?

	<p>3. Do you agree that these recommendations will improve outcomes for people living with cancer?</p> <p>4. Do you agree that these recommendations will deliver person centred care?</p> <p>5. Do you agree that these recommendations will enable delivery of the 10 year strategy?</p> <p>3.3 There is currently a Council workshop being arranged for Thursday 7th October to discuss these questions and get input from Elected Members and others for the Corporate response. Following this workshop it is planned that the draft response will be circulated in advance of the Committee meeting scheduled for 12th October so that there is a further opportunity to comment on the draft before sending.</p> <p>3.4 The consultation document advises that there are a number of ways to help people to respond to the consultation. Guidance also advises that respondents do not have to address every question within the consultation, and can instead focus on the questions or issues that are of particular interest.</p> <p>3.5 Stakeholders can respond to the consultation exercise using one of the following options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Via the online survey hosted on Citizen Space; • By completing the Consultation Questionnaire. The Questionnaire can be adapted and completed depending on which questions you wish to respond to, and submitted via email or in hard copy using the contact details listed below; • By sending an email, or writing to the address listed below, with a summary of your feedback to the consultation. <p>3.6 In addition, as part of the Consultation the Department of Health will be running a series of virtual online events. To pre-register please email using the following email address Cancer.Strategy.2020@health-ni.gov.uk</p>
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: N/a
	Human: N/a
	Risk Management: N/a
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: N/a
	Rural Needs Implications: N/a

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	It is recommended that Members note the opportunity to respond to the consultation and the intention to hold a workshop with Members and others on Thursday 7 th October 2021. A draft response will be circulated as soon as possible following the workshop for further discussion at Committee.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	None