

All-Ireland Institute for Hospice & Palliative Care

Update 4 – April 2008

Update on Recent Progress

Following the final meeting of the Steering Group on January 22nd, the draft business case for the development of the Institute was completed. This was then circulated to a wide range of stakeholders as part of the planned consultation process. Comments were received from 17 individuals / organisations. The Chairs of the Steering Group would like to offer a very warm thank you to all those that took the time to return comments.

Many of the specific suggestions made have been reflected in the final version of the business case. In general the comments were on points of detail and all were in the context of welcoming the initiative and supporting its aims. Some comments received were helpful in providing advice regarding the tendering process, but will not feature in the actual business case document.

The final version of the business case has now been signed off by the Co-Chairs on behalf of the Steering Group and is already being used in the process of seeking funding.

Planned Next Steps

March – September 2008

- Business Case to be submitted to potential funders. *This process is now under way.*
- Funding mechanisms for the establishment of the Institute to be agreed
- Bidding process to be agreed and developed in collaboration with the Health Research Board (RoI) and the Research & Development Office (NI)

October '08 – March '09

- Bidding process to be managed by the Health Research Board and the Research & Development Office
- Host organisation to be selected

April – September '09

- Formal establishment of the All-Ireland Institute for Hospice & Palliative Care
- Commence recruitment of Institute staff

We welcome all comments/suggestions in relation to items included in this communiqué.

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