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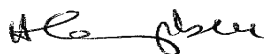
## Foreword

I welcome this 2<sup>nd</sup> All Ireland Cancer Statistics Report and congratulate the authors on its clear style. It provides concrete evidence of the benefits of the NCI, Ireland and N. Ireland Consortium which aims to promote joint programmes of work.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend the Registries on their ongoing collaboration on data harmonisation, data analysis and research which will do much to enhance our understanding of cancer.

This report, the result of several years of collaboration, highlights some areas of success and identifies areas for action to improve cancer outcomes in Ireland. We must take note of its recommendations.

Finally, this proves yet again the importance of cancer registration as one of our most important public health tools.



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I join with my colleague, Dr. Henrietta Campbell, in welcoming the publication of this 2<sup>nd</sup> All Ireland Cancer Statistics Report. This aspect of the work of the Consortium has proven to be particularly valuable, both in terms of the actual information it gives us in relation to cancer in the island as a whole, and the clear example it provides us of the type of co-operation that lies at the heart of the mission of the Consortium.

The authors of this report deserve our commendation for the excellence of their work which will provide a sound basis for future planning in this most important of public health policy areas.

I look forward to future reports in this series.



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