

All-Island Paediatric Oncology Conference 2025

Provisional Programme 30.07.25 (subject to change)

Networking/Breaks	Plenary/whole conference sessions	Breakout Sessions
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Day 1	Thursday 16th October 2025
08:30	Coffee & Registration
SESSION 1	Chair: Dr Anthony McCarthy, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
09:00	Welcome Address Dr Anthony McCarthy, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
09:35	NI Paediatric Cancer Landscape Dr Robert Johnston, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
09:55	ROI Paediatric Cancer Landscape Dr Cormac Owens, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Children's Health Ireland
10:15	The Experience of the All-Island Congenital Heart Disease Network Dr Frank Casey, Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children Dr Paul Oslizlok, Consultant Paediatric Cardiologist, Children's Health Ireland
10:55	Q&A
11:00	Coffee Break
SESSION 2	Chair: Dr Cormac Owens, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Children's Health Ireland
11:20	How UK Paediatric Cancer Networks Function Dr Quentin Campbell Hewson, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Great North Children's Hospital, Newcastle
11:40	The Dutch Model of Paediatric Cancer Networks Prof Jan Molenaar, Professor in Precision Medicine in Paediatric Cancer, Princess Maxima Center, Utrecht University
12:00	Round Table Discussion - Potential synergies and working together towards a joint network Chair – Dr Cormac Owens, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Children's Health Ireland
13:00	Lunch
SESSION 3	Chair: Prof Owen Smith, Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, Children's Health Ireland
14:00	Adolescent & Young Adult Service across the Island Dr Scheryll Alken, Consultant Haematology/Oncology – AYA Dr Anthony McCarthy, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
15:00	Viewpoint from the Chair of CCLG Dr Sara Stoneham, Chair of CCLG – The Children's Cancer & Leukaemia Group

15:30	Coffee
SESSION 4	Chair: Dr Robert Johnston, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
16:00	The Potential Path Forward Dr Cormac Owens, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Children's Health Ireland Prof Michael Capra, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Children's Health Ireland Dr Anthony McCarthy, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children Dr Robert Johnston, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
16:30	Introduction to Precision Oncology Prof Jan Molenaar, Professor in Precision Medicine in Paediatric Cancer, Princess Maxima Center, Utrecht University
17:10	Developing and running an early phase trials network Prof Quentin Campbell Hewson, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Great North Children's Hospital, Newcastle
17:50	Q&A
18:00	Close
19:00	Dinner Dr Anthony McCarthy

Day 2	Friday 17th October 2025			
SESSION 1	Chairs: Emma Mullan, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children and Ciara Kennedy, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Children's Health Ireland			
09:00	Supportive Care Updates Chair: Prof Michael Capra, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist, Children's Health Ireland			
10:00	Presentation of Quality Improvement Projects Presenters to be confirmed			
11:00	Coffee			
11:30	Breakout 1: Nursing/Supportive Care Emma Mullan, Clinical Nurse Specialist, RBHSC Ciara Kennedy, Clinical Nurse Specialist, CHI	Breakout 2: Allied Health Professionals Melanie Douglas, Physiotherapist, RBHSC Natalie Dean, Occupational Therapist, RBHSC Cliona Godwin, Senior Oncology Dietician, CHI	Breakout 3: Clinical Trials Alana Sharpe, Clinical Research Nurse, RBHSC Leanne Grainger, Clinical Research Nurse, RBHSC Aishling Ryan, Clinical Trials Unit Manager, CHI	Breakout 4: Charities Laura Cullinan, CEO, Childhood Cancer Ireland Jane Hoare, CEO, The Children's Cancer Unit Charity
13:00	Lunch			

SESSION 2	Chair: Prof Jonathan Bond, UCD Brendan McGonnell Professor of Paediatric Molecular Haemato-oncology Honorary Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, Children's Health Ireland at Crumlin	Chair: Dr Susie Willis, Clinical Psychologist, Royal Belfast Hospital for Sick Children
14:00	ACORN – All-Island Children's Oncology Research Network Prof Jonathan Bond, UCD Brendan McGonnell Professor of Paediatric Molecular Haemato-oncology, Honorary Consultant Paediatric Haematologist, CHI	Staff Wellbeing Dr Susie Willis, Clinical Psychologist, RBHSC Steph Irwin, Clinical Psychologist, RBHSC Chiara Besani, Clinical Psychologist, CHI Steph O'Toole, Clinical Psychologist, CHI
16:00	Coffee	
16:30	Closing Remarks	
17:00	Close	