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Terms of Reference of the Second National Cancer Forum

The National Cancer Forum is the national advisory body on cancer policy to the Minister for Health and Children. The Forum is multi-disciplinary and representative of professional, management, voluntary and patient advocacy groups in cancer. It was established in November 2000 with the following terms of reference:

To advise the Minister on:

- progress in the implementation of the National Cancer Strategy
- the co-ordination of cancer services at supra-regional and national level
- best practice in cancer prevention, treatment and care
- the development and implementation of protocols for the treatment and care of cancer patients
- the evaluation of the effectiveness and quality of cancer services
- the co-ordination of research into cancer, in conjunction with the Health Research Board.

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¹ Replaced Mr. Joseph Cregan, Principal Officer, Department of Health and Children in May 2002

² The Health Boards were replaced by the Health Service Executive on 1 January 2005

³ Replaced Ms. Joan Kelly, Irish Association for Nurses in Oncology in March 2003

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Vision

'Ireland will have a system of cancer control which will reduce our cancer incidence, morbidity and mortality rates relative to other EU15 countries by 2015. Irish people will know and practice health-promoting and cancer-preventing behaviours and will have increased awareness of and access to early cancer detection and screening. Ireland will have a network of equitably accessible state-of-the-art cancer treatment facilities and we will become an internationally recognised location for education and research into all aspects of cancer.'