Annual Report 2017
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Foreword

In 2017, the Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme (SHCPP) continued to implement actions in line with the three domains of the National Sexual Health Strategy 2015 – 2020; Sexual health promotion, education and prevention; sexual health services and sexual health intelligence.

This annual report demonstrates our commitment and ability to develop, influence and support innovative and meaningful programmes of work that support the sexual health priorities as set out in the strategy.

There has been significant advancement in the approach to tackle Sexual Transmitted Infections (STIs) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) transmission. We have implemented targeted outreach campaigns, on-the-spot HIV testing and increased our condom distribution at a national level.

In 2017, we introduced an educational pillar to our Johnny’s Got You Covered campaign and developed an online digital communication plan to help engage with the younger audience through various social media channels. The move to a digital platform helped energise the campaign further and to continue the strong momentum of engagement with young people that we built over the years.

Our communications function progressed with the initial stages of developing and implementing work on a new website: www.sexualwellbeing.ie.

We continued our essential work in education to develop a new resource which will enable parents to talk to their young children about relationships, sexuality and growing up.

While we continue to fund services around the country to provide crisis pregnancy and post-abortion counselling, we also carried out a Review of Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Services. Key recommendations from this report include the introduction of a new national telephone counselling service and changes to the service delivery model.

Our Research & Policy function established new partnerships and maintained on-going relationships with external organisations to support and promote evidence-informed practice. This included working in partnership with Tusla to disseminate the findings from the Sexual Health Education Needs of Young People In Care (SENYPIC) study to social workers and social care workers with a view to informing practice. We commissioned an evaluation of the Gay Men’s Health Service Outreach Programme pilot in partnership with the Gay Men’s Health Service and the Gay Health Network to inform the future direction of that service.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Strategy Implementation Group, the Communications Working Group, the Advisory Group and the Clinical Advisory Group for their valuable support and guidance in the work of the 2017 programme.

Finally, I would like to thank the staff of the programme for their continued commitment and dedication in trying to ensure that everyone living in Ireland has access to high quality sexual health information, education and services throughout their lives.

Helen Scally
Programme Lead
Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme.
The Programme

The SHCPP is one of a number of national policy priority programmes established within the Health and Wellbeing Division of the Health Services Executive (HSE), with responsibility for implementing the National Sexual Health Strategy (NSHS) 2015-2020.

In line with the Healthy Ireland Framework, we are building the capability and capacity to support national policy and strategy implementation across all health and social care services and with our external partners and funded services. This represents the first nationally coordinated approach to improving the population’s sexual health and wellbeing.

The Programme Lead for the SHCPP reports to the Assistant National Director for Health Promotion and Improvement within the Health and Wellbeing Division of the HSE.

National Sexual Health Strategy (NSHS) 2015-2020

The NSHS is Ireland’s first national framework for sexual health and wellbeing. Its vision is that everyone in Ireland experiences positive sexual health and wellbeing.

To achieve this vision, this Strategy aims to:

* Improve sexual health and wellbeing and reduce negative sexual health outcomes by ensuring that everyone living in Ireland has access to high quality sexual health information, education and services throughout their lives.*

This vision will be addressed through three goals

**Goal 1**

**Sexual health promotion, education and prevention:** Everyone living in Ireland will receive comprehensive and age-appropriate sexual health education and/or information and will have access to appropriate prevention and promotion services.

**Goal 2**

**Sexual health services:** Equitable, accessible and high quality sexual health services that are targeted and tailored to need will be available to everyone.

**Goal 3**

**Sexual health intelligence:** Robust and high quality sexual health information will be generated to underpin policy, practice, service planning and strategic monitoring.

The Strategy recognises the diversity of sexual identities in Ireland and supports all expressions of sexual identity through positive health and wellbeing outcomes.
### The Team

The SHCPP staff work across five main functions: clinical, education and information, communications, funding and crisis pregnancy counselling, research and policy.

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The SHCPP convenes a number of groups to support its implementation of the National Sexual Health Strategy.

**Implementation Group**
The strategy implementation group provides strategic advice and direction to support the implementation of the Strategy. The group comprises statutory and non-statutory organisations which met four times in 2017 (Appendix 1).

**Communication Working Group**
The communications working group provides support and advice to the SHCPP to coordinate communication activities between the programme and non-statutory organisations. The group comprises statutory and non-statutory stakeholders and met six times in 2017 (Appendix 2).

**Sexual Health Promotion Officers Network**
The sexual health promotion officers work in partnership to address key health promotion, education and information actions in the area of sexual health. Their work involves progressing education and training in cooperation with service providers and other key stakeholders.

**Advisory Group**
The advisory group provides feedback on matters related to sexual health and crisis pregnancy and includes organisations that represent the views of specific population groups and non-government organisations (NGOs) working in the areas of sexual health and crisis pregnancy. The group met three times in 2017 (Appendix 3).

**Clinical Advisory Group**
The clinical advisory group (CAG) examines and makes recommendations on the strategic and operational planning work of the programme in the development of clinical guidance documents, clinical pathways, quality improvement indicators and initiatives in line with the recommendations and actions of the National Sexual Health Strategy (2015–2020). CAG has broad representation from a range of medical specialities. The group met three times in 2017 (Appendix 4).
In 2017 we:

- Published the HSE Position on HIV Antiretroviral Treatment, which states that “all people living with HIV attending HIV services in Ireland are offered antiretroviral therapy and informed of the benefits of antiretroviral therapy in improving their personal health and reducing HIV infectiousness”. The position is available here: https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/sexual-health/sexually-transmitted-infections/information-on-hiv/

- Published HIV treatment information for people living with HIV, promoting the importance of HIV treatment to stay healthy and prevent transmission to others. These are available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese here: https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/sexual-health/sexually-transmitted-infections/information-on-hiv/

- Collaborated with Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) and clinical colleagues to develop HIV treatment estimates for Ireland (2016 data) in line with the European Centre for Disease Prevention & Control (ECDC) continuum of HIV care framework and ECDC/UNAIDS reporting requirements. This is the first time that HIV treatment estimates were reported for Ireland. The estimates for Ireland are included in the ECDC report here: https://ecdc.europa.eu/sites/portal/files/documents/Continuum-of-HIV-care-2017.pdf

- Continued to work with the multisectoral PrEP Working Group on making recommendations in relation to PrEP in Ireland and develop the necessary guidance to inform implementation. This includes:
  - Development and dissemination of practical guidance for healthcare workers, including patient information leaflets (PILs), to provide support and guidance for people accessing PrEP informally. These provide important information to ensure that healthcare professionals and the community are aware of how best to use PrEP and the appropriate care and monitoring required for those who are taking PrEP. These are available here: https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/sexual-health/sexually-transmitted-infections/information-on-hiv/
  - Commissioning of a piece of work to assess the readiness of public STI services for the implementation of HIV PrEP to national standards and to determine the resources required for implementation. This work was awarded to RCSI at the end of 2017.

- Provided funding to the Gay Men’s Health Service (GMHS) to commence a PrEP monitoring clinic, in order to support people accessing PrEP themselves.

- Provided funding to GMHS to continue the additional weekly STI clinic and the peer outreach work.

- Developed and disseminated patient information leaflets for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and genital conditions. These are available here: https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/sexual-health/sexually-transmitted-infections/

- Supported the roll out of the HPV (human papillomavirus) vaccine to men and women living with HIV and MSM (men who have sex with men) aged 16 to 26 years attending public HIV and STI clinics through the development and circulation of a HPV vaccination guidance document for HIV and STI services. HPV posters and patient information leaflets were developed and sent to all public HIV and STI services. We worked with services on the collection of vaccine monitoring data. At the end of 2017, the HPV vaccine was available in most public HIV and STI clinics.
Collaborated with the Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Pathology Programme and the Acute Hospitals Division on the designation of a national bacterial STI reference laboratory (STBRL). In May 2017, the Department of Microbiology, St James’s Hospital, Dublin was designated as interim gonococcal reference laboratory with the allocation of appropriate resources pending completion of the full STBRL designation. The roles and responsibilities for the STBRL were agreed and expressions of interest sought from laboratories. One laboratory responded to the EOI and the process of full designation will continue into 2018. St. James's Hospital will continue the function of interim gonococcal reference laboratory in 2018, until the designation of the STBRL is complete.

Many clinical actions in the strategy are longer term actions and include on-going collaboration with a variety of stakeholders.

On-going work in 2017 included:

- Progressing the Sexual Health Services mapping and needs assessment work. The analysis of the mapping of sexual health, GP and laboratory services was completed and final reports drafted. The first draft of the report on “Sexual Health in Ireland” was completed and presents a collation of information on behaviour, sexual health outcomes and interventions to improve sexual health, including recommendations and areas for action.
- Updating the HSE STI antibiotic prescribing guidelines in liaison with the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP). National STI clinical guidance is also under development and this work will continue into 2018.
- Engagement with ECDC on the updating of the European HIV testing guidance, which was expanded to provide guidance around both HIV and hepatitis testing. The literature reviews were conducted in 2017 and the updated ECDC guidance is anticipated to be published by the end of 2018. For Ireland, it was agreed to await the ECDC publication before development of the national HIV testing guidance.
- Initiating a review of HIV testing recommendations in specialty guidelines for HIV indicator conditions¹ and collaboration with Cancer Control on a survey of current practice and policy in relation to key indicator conditions. OptTest (optimising testing and linkage to care for HIV across Europe) tools for healthcare professionals on HIV Indicator Condition Testing are being adapted for Ireland.
- Continuation of funding and support to HPSC for the development of the STI/HIV module for CIDR (Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting System, Ireland’s national secure web-based electronic surveillance system for notifiable infectious diseases.) The STI/HIV module will improve the quality of the information available for monitoring sexual ill health, provide a better understanding of trends in STIs/HIV by risk group, and improve the capacity to assess the effectiveness of interventions to prevent and control STIs and HIV.
- Participation in the multi-disciplinary MSM outbreak response group meetings, chaired by the HPSC, convened as a response to the increase in HIV and STIs among MSM in Ireland. An evidence-based action plan was published in June 2017. This plan identifies interventions known to be effective in preventing transmission of HIV and STIs, any current gaps in their provision, and the actions planned to address these gaps. This action plan will be used by the MSM National Outbreak Response Group to track progress on the actions.
- Collaboration with HPSC and HIV services to conduct an audit of STI testing among MSM attending HIV services. The report will be available early 2018.

¹ HIV Indicator Condition Testing is where HIV testing is recommended for patients with certain medical conditions that may be associated with undiagnosed HIV infection.
Education and Training

Work continued to support the actions that enable parents, teachers and youth workers to address the sexual health education and information needs of children and young people. The education function was expanded to incorporate training, and the development of the programme’s first Sexual Health Promotion Training Strategy commenced. This strategy will direct our work over the next ten years, as we build and enhance the capacity of professionals and organisations to address the sexual health education and information needs of their service users.

In 2017 we:

- Initiated the development of a Sexual Health Promotion Training Strategy, establishing a working group and commissioning a healthcare consultancy to support the project.
- Consulted with Health Promotion and Improvement (HP&I) and NGO sexual health staff on how to best support the training needs of professionals.
- Delivered the Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion in ten locations across the country in collaboration with our HP&I and NGO colleagues, training 222 professionals to enable them integrate sexual health into their core work.
- Commenced and progressed the development of a resource to support parents to initiate and continue conversations with their young children on relationships, sexuality and growing up. This work will continue into 2018.
- Worked with our HP&I to develop web-based content for parents to support them in talking to their pre-adolescent children about relationships and sexuality.
- Continued to lead on the development of the Relationships Sexuality Education (RSE) element of a new Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) resource to meet the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NCCA) short course requirements.
- Commissioned the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) to review and update the B4uDecide resource to support youth workers to facilitate sexual health education to their service users.
- Participated in the development of a resource for Senior Cycle (SPHE) lessons on alcohol, with a particular focus on the RSE-related material.
- Contributed to the consultation process for the development of the first LGBTI+ Youth Strategy and will play an active role in implementing relevant actions in the strategy following its publication in 2018.
- Provided funding to the National Parents Council Primary to deliver the ‘Parenting: Supporting your Child to Build Healthy Friendships and Relationships’ programme to 559 parents.
- Provided funding to the Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA) to deliver the eight-week ‘Speakeasy’ training programme to 109 parents.

Foundation programme for sexual health promotion

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Communications and Information

The communications function delivers on large-scale sexual health campaigns such as Johnny’s Got You Covered, Abortion Aftercare, Positive Options and B4uDecide in partnership with the National Communications Division (NCD). Medium-scale communications projects include social media promotion of World Contraception Day and World Aids Day. Work progressed this year to design and develop an online communications project – sexualwellbeing.ie. This would enable the SHCPP to increase online engagement and to place sexual health messaging on a digital platform, this website is due to launch in 2018. We also worked in partnership with HSE National communications to inform the development of the strategic review of communications for sexual health.

Website Visits

Thinkcontraception.ie

THINK contraception is a key prevention campaign that promotes correct and consistent use of contraception, particularly condoms, to prevent the transmission of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and unplanned pregnancies. We continued to promote the THINK contraception site through paid search. The THINK outreach programme worked with our Johnny’s Got You Covered campaign (JGYC) to help engage young people aged 17-30 at festivals, clubs and third level colleges. We developed a significant social media educational plan to help engage and inform our target audience on safer sex prevention and STI information. Outreach activity helped to recruit and engage new users to visit our thinkcontraception.ie site. An independent evaluation showed an increase in website and social media awareness despite a decrease in media spend and no above-the-line advertising.

In 2017 we:

- Introduced an educational pillar to the Johnny’s Got You Covered (JGYC) campaign. Previous engaging content continued but with the support of an outreach team and social media messaging to promoting STI and safer sex messaging.
- Held forty-five activation events, beginning with SHAG week in February, continuing with festival and concert appearances during the summer and nightclub/pub engagements in the autumn and winter.
- Established links with the LGBTI+ community with JGYC appearing at Gay Pride.
- Distributed 60.5K units of condoms and 28.5K units of lube through outreach activities.
- Used Snapchat to drive traffic to the thinkcontraception.ie site. There were 5,998 followers in 2017, an increase of 15% on 2016.
- Featured Johnny in The Daily Edge as a ‘win’. This was viewed over 5,000 times.

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POSITIVE OPTIONS

The Positive Options campaign highlights the fact that there is always a supportive listener available to help during a crisis pregnancy and promotes the message that ‘talking to a counsellor can help’. We continued to promote the Positive Options website on Google. Leaflets were distributed through General Practitioner (GP) surgeries and the information was also available at healthbrochures.ie.

15,908 visits to Positive Options
a decrease of 26% compared to 2016

41% of all visits came from paid search

72% of visits were from women and 28% men.

The highest proportion (over 30%) of visitors are aged 25-34

Approximately 79% of search traffic is female
mainly aged between 18-24

ABORTION AFTERCARE

Abortion Aftercare promotes post-abortion medical check-ups and post-abortion counselling to women living in Ireland who have had an abortion. We continued to promote the website through Google search. Leaflets were placed in GP surgeries and the information was available at healthbrochures.ie.

11,381 visitors to the site

www://
a 10.5% increase on 2016.

Approximately 90% of search traffic is female
mainly aged between 25-34

Main sources of traffic were search on Google.ie, both organic and paid

Organic 4,827 VISITS
Paid 3,294 VISITS
B4uDecide

B4uDecide.ie is an educational programme which aims to encourage teenagers to make healthy, responsible decisions about relationships and sexual health. The initiative is supported by the B4uDecide.ie website and Street Art, an outreach graffiti programme that aims to encourage young people in Youth Reach settings to talk about and discuss issues relating to relationships and sexual health. The outreach team also promotes the B4uDecide educational programme at main events and conferences for teachers and youth workers.
B4UDECIDE WEBSITE FIGURES

107,073 visits to website
an increase of 30% when compared to 2016

Videos on the website were viewed 11,896 times
a 27% increase on the 9,366 views in 2016.

Most viewed video on the website was about healthy relationships, with 1,701 views.

TOP LANDING PAGES WERE:
- Relationships / healthy relationships
- The Facts / Age of Consent
- Home Page

Visits
- 39% were from 18-24 year olds
- 26% were from 25-34 year olds
- 15% were from 35-44 year olds

Most searched for keywords resulting in traffic included:
- age of consent
- Ireland
- sexting
- B4UDecide

64% were female
36% were male
CONDOM DISTRIBUTION

National Condom Distribution Service (NCDS)

The programme continued to distribute condoms to statutory agencies/services and non-government organisations (NGOs) through HealthPromotion.ie. This service aims to support statutory agencies/services and NGOs in their promotion of condom usage in order to prevent both crisis pregnancies and STIs, and to support safer, positive sexual health experiences for adults. The distribution service supports the programme’s outreach work, and the HSE-funded GMHS outreach programme that targets MSM.

405,621 & 205,095

condoms & lubricant sachets

were disseminated in 2017.
Information Dissemination

HealthPromotion.ie

In 2017 a range of materials were disseminated through HealthPromotion.ie, the SHCPP’s free text service 50444, and at outreach events.

Information resources included:

- STI leaflet: 35,988
- You Can Talk To Me DVDs and booklets: 2,738
- Busy Bodies DVDs and booklets: 34,050
- Trust manuals: 1,499
- B4uDecide teachers’ packs: 533
- THINK booklet: 82,155
- Contraception leaflet: 21,698
- Positive Options wallet card: 7,293
- Positive Options leaflet: 3,739
- Abortion Aftercare leaflet: 11,209

GP Surgeries

Resources distributed:

- February to May 2017
  - Think, Your Guide To Contraception: 15,000 brochures distributed
  - Contraception 35+: 12,000
  - Poster: Positive Options (Unplanned Pregnancy)

- June to September 2017
  - Guide to STI’s: 15,000 brochures distributed

- October to December 2017
  - Guide to STIs: additional 15,000 distributed
  - Poster: Positive Options (Unplanned Pregnancy)

- Total Number of Locations
  - Brochure display locations: 1,270 waiting rooms
  - Poster display locations: 1,150 + waiting room locations
Public relations and training

Annual Union of Students of Ireland (USI) Training Week

Sexual health campaign training was developed for incoming student welfare officers at all colleges affiliated with the USI. The training facilitated an opportunity for welfare officers to begin developing a sexual health initiative in their own college settings. The initiative was part of an integrated, capacity-building approach to working with USI.

Public and Media Relations

A number of press releases were issued relating to service provision, education outreach, RSE and key statistics. We responded to regular media enquiries in conjunction with the HSE press office.

Media releases can be found here: https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/about/media/press-releases/

Articles were submitted to health-related publications such as the HSE’s Health Matters magazine. Please click below to view the full article.

Sexual Health Newsletter

Two editions of Sexual Health News (SHN) were issued to approximately 2,000 health professionals and 245 health services in either digital or hard copy in 2017. This marked yet another step in the sharing of sexual health information and practice to promote sexual health as an integral part of our overall health. The newsletter allows the programme to share knowledge of new resources being developed, what (and where) sexual health services are delivering and what is happening in the area of research. Please click below to view the full article.
In 2017 we:

- Published the Review of Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Services. This made a number of key recommendations including the introduction of a new national telephone counselling service and changes to the service delivery model.
- Addressed the committee on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution in relation to the support provided by HSE SHCPP and on the use of the abortion pill. Topics covered included crisis pregnancy counselling services and support available to women with an unplanned/crisis pregnancy. Evidence was presented in relation to the use of online abortifacients through data gathered from two online providers. Footage of the presentation can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNWyVHSy 3rg
- Funded fifteen services to deliver free and accessible crisis pregnancy and post-abortion counselling.
- Supported services through the provision of funding provided directly to service providers to assist with on-going training, continuing professional development (CPD) and supervision (internal and external) for those providing crisis pregnancy counselling and related services.
- Funded a number of crisis pregnancy counselling services for the provision of additional support to those who have experienced a crisis pregnancy and are parenting.
- Provided funding to Maynooth University to deliver the Certificate in Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Services and Masterclasses on topics relevant to crisis pregnancy; 105 participants attended the course.
- Supported One Family and Treoir’s national information services for one-parent families and unmarried parents. These services handled over 4,800 queries to their information channels, in addition to providing face-to-face and outreach information support. Other support included the development and update of Treoir’s Information Pack for Unmarried Parents, and the delivery of One Family’s adult education training service, which provides, among other services, training and parent mentoring programmes.
- Disseminated information packs to healthcare professionals and unmarried parents. The pack contains information on issues such as the rights and obligations of cohabiting parents, guardianship, access, custody and shared parenting. It also includes information on other legal and financial matters of relevance to unmarried parents, in addition to sections on education and training opportunities and useful contacts for individuals and health professionals who may need additional support or information.
- Provided funding to the Limerick City Slickers Programme – a parenting support group for young parents residing in Limerick City and its immediate environment who are socially excluded or at risk of social exclusion, targeting those at risk of a second or subsequent crisis pregnancy. This programme is delivered by Limerick Social Service Council in conjunction with the Teen Parents Support Programme.
- Continued the implementation phase of the Self-Assessment Framework within all funded crisis pregnancy counselling services. We facilitated a number of workshops to support service providers with their implementation. Quality Improvement Plans have been developed and are being used by the service providers as an impetus to effect change within their services. The implementation and monitoring phase for the Self-Assessment Framework will continue into 2018.
In 2017 we:

- Partnered with the Department of Education and Skills to commission a research study exploring the experiences of different stakeholders in the implementation of relationships and sexuality education in post-primary schools.
- Partnered with the Gay Men’s Health Service and the Gay Health Network to commission an evaluation of the Gay Men’s Health Service outreach programme.
- Managed completion of commissioned research study exploring parents’ views about talking to their younger children about relationships, sexuality and growing up.
- Put in place a process to evaluate the national roll-out of the Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion.
- Linked with online providers of the abortion pill to understand more about the numbers of women in Ireland ordering abortion pills.
- Linked with the Department of Health UK and the Netherlands about the number of women from Ireland travelling to these countries for an abortion.
- Organised a seminar for social workers and social care workers who work with young people in care in partnership with Tusla to share research findings about their sexual health needs based on the SENYPIC study and to discuss the implications for practice.
- Established a working group of practitioners working with young people in care to initiate the development of a toolkit to support young people to be sexually healthy based on SENYPIC findings.
- Participated on the steering group for a research study to develop a set of core indicators for HIV among a range of at risk groups funded via the 2016 Irish Research Council/SHCPP research for society award.

We worked closely with other teams within the programme to support them with their research and data needs. In 2017, we contributed to:

- Developing the Sexual Health Needs Assessment and STI service mapping reports.
  https://www.sexualwellbeing.ie/for-professionals/research/research-reports/
- Preparing the opening statement for the Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution.
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wNWyVHSy3rg
- Establishing and participating in the working group for the National Sexual Health Promotion Training Strategy.
- Commissioning and overseeing the measurement of sexual health communications campaigns for 2017.
- Developing a process for annual monitoring of the National Condom Distribution Service.
- Informing the development of resources for parents of younger children to support them in talking about relationships, sexuality and growing up.

Research and Policy

The research and policy team commissions research and evaluation studies; monitors trends related to crisis pregnancy and sexual health; and disseminates and implements research findings to inform policy and improve practice.
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### Members of the Clinical Advisory Group

| Representatives from Public Health (RCPI Faculty of Public Health Medicine) |
| HPSC – Dr Derval Igoe, HPSC, Dublin, Chair CAG |
| Public Health – Dr Sarah Doyle, Consultant in Public Health Medicine |

| Representative from O&G (RCPI Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists) |
| Dr Maev Eogan, Rotunda, Dublin |

| Representative from Genitourinary Medicine (SSSTD) |
| Dr Aisling Loy, GUIDE, Dublin |

| Representative from Infectious Diseases (IDSI) |
| Dr Catherine Fleming (NUIG) until 27th November 2017 |
| Dr Helen Tuite (NUIG) from 27th November 2017 |
| Prof Colm Bergin (GUIDE, Dublin) |

| Representative from General Practice (ICGP) |
| Dr Miriam Daly, Dublin until 19th December 2017 (cc’d until replaced) |

| Representative from Clinical Microbiology (Faculty of Pathology) |
| Dr Cillian De Gascun, NVRL |

| Representative from Paediatrics (Faculty of Paediatrics) |
| Dr Joanne Nelson, Galway |

| Emergency Medicine (Irish Association of Emergency Medicine) |
| Dr Una Kennedy, SJH, Dublin |

| Urology (Irish Society of Urology) |
| Mr Ivor Cullen, Waterford |

| Faculty of Occupational Medicine |
| Dr Noirin Noonan, SJH, Dublin |

| Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland |
| Ms Sinead Cleary, Coombe, Dublin until 6th December 2017 |
| Ms Karen Canning, from 19th December 2017 |

| Irish Pharmacy Union |
| Ms Pamela Logan, Dublin |

| RCPI Collegiate Members Committee |
| Dr Sorca O’Brien, Specialist Registrar |

| Academy of Clinical Science and Laboratory Medicine of Ireland |
| Mr Pat Mulhare, Chief Medical Scientist, Microbiology Dept, Waterford University Hospital |