



22 January 2016

Mr Tony McNamara
General Manager
Cork University Hospital
Wilton
Co Cork

Report Letter relating to the inspection of the Respiratory Department of Cork University Hospital on 21st January 2016

Dear Mr McNamara,

The Irish Committee on Higher Medical Training (ICHMT) last inspected Cork University Hospital on the 21st January 2016 regarding its suitability for the Respiratory Higher Specialist Training (HST) programme.

The purpose of a hospital inspection is to determine the ability of an institution to deliver Higher Specialist Training in a specialty, according to the requirements as defined by the Respiratory curriculum of training. The inspection panel advises on the suitability after a detailed interview with consultant trainers, trainees and management representatives, with an inspection of the facilities.

The education and training observations as confirmed by the ICHMT on advice from the Inspection Panel follow. Major issues are those that impact on the accreditation status or are critical for training approval. Minor issues are areas that could be improved but are not critical for training approval.

On the basis of the inspectors' recommendations, this unit is approved for Higher Specialist Training in Respiratory for:

- Number of Posts: **3 SpR posts**
- Trainers: Dr Michael Henry, Dr Desmond Murphy, Dr Barry Plant, Dr Marcus Kennedy
- Next Inspection Due: **2021**
- Interim Progress Report: **N/A**

Inspection Panel:

- Dr Terry O'Connor, NSD
- Dr Dermot Long - Inspection Chair

Educational Opportunities:

- MDT's – Cancer, CF, ILD, PVL HTN
- Asthma

Strengths of the Department:

- Excellent Consultant Staff
- A broad range of clinical sub-specialties
- Excellent research programme
- Excellent opportunities for involvement in management

Major & Minor Issues

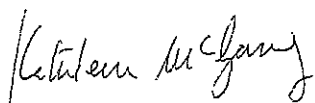
Weaknesses	Recommendations
None noted	Consider rotating SpR's through all four Consultant services within 12 months

Conclusion:

- Overall excellent training environment for SpR's
- Recommend additional (3rd) SpR position to commence July 2016- However , trainers advised that this position may not be filled this year because of low numbers of applicants for SpR positions
- Recommend rotating SpRs through all four Consultant services

Thank you for your continued commitment to training.

Yours sincerely



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- Dr Terry O'Connor, NSD
- Dr Dermot Long, Inspection Chair
- Dr Michael Henry, Consultant Trainer
- Dr Desmond Murphy, Consultant Trainer
- Dr Barry Plant, Consultant Trainer
- Dr Marcus Kennedy, Consultant Trainer
- Mr Michael Murphy, Medical Manpower
- Ms Lorna Sheehan, Medical Administration
- Prof Des Carney, Chairman, ICHMT