
Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

This document represents an agreement

between

Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI)

and

Irish Platform for Patient Organisations, Science & Industry (IPPOSI)

1. Description of collaborating organisations

Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI)

Health Innovation Hub Ireland (HIHI) was established by the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation and the Department of Health, supported by Enterprise Ireland (EI) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) to drive collaboration between the health service and enterprise.

For enterprise, HIHI supports the development of new healthcare technologies, products, and services. By allowing easy interaction with hospitals and primary care centres, it is establishing Ireland as a leading location for start-ups and expanding healthcare companies.

In tandem, HIHI works directly with healthcare professionals and those active in the health space. HIHI spends time developing ideas from those on the frontline into products and services through mentoring, guidance and providing a space to develop solutions to everyday problems. HIHI also engages right across health structures by teaching a new way of thinking to find creative solutions to health challenges through a series of five HIHI workshops and a diploma in healthcare innovation.

Irish Platform for Patient Organisations, Science & Industry (IPPOSI)

The Irish Platform for Patient Organisations, Science and Industry – is a patient-led organisation that works with patients, government, industry, science and academia to put patients at the heart of health policy and innovation. IPPOSI seeks to build consensus among member groups on existing and emerging health issues and policies.

IPPOSI is the go-to platform in Ireland for members and policymakers to connect with disparate stakeholders in a complex health environment. The organisation has proved a greatly valued advice

and information facility for members seeking to gain knowledge on recent initiatives, debates or as a recognised vehicle to engage with Patient Organisations, Industry or Science members in their field. Current IPPOSI membership includes over 100 patient organisations and medical charities, over 250 individuals from a science / healthcare background and 22 industry members.

IPPOSI has been co-funded by the Health Research Board on behalf of the Department of Health since 2007. The remainder of IPPOSI income is generated from leveraged EU and national public grants as well as industry member subscriptions + sponsorships. Current ratio of public:private funding is 50:50.

2. Purpose of this Memorandum

The specific purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding ('MOU') is to describe the mutual interest of IPPOSI and HIHI with regard to healthcare innovation and patient care and empowerment in Ireland. This MoU will establish a closer working relationship to maximise IPPOSI and HIHI offerings. In particular, this MOU will facilitate the establishment of patient representation in HIHI. In addition, this MOU will facilitate HIHI and IPPOSI working together to maximise the potential of each organisations education programmes.

3. Terms of the agreement

This MoU is for an initial two year period from February 1 2019 with a joint annual review (or more frequently as required) to take place in 2020 and 2021.

4. Change Management

Either party may withdraw from the terms of the Memorandum upon submission of a written statement to this effect to the other party. Written notice shall be sent sixty (60) days prior to the disassociation. All changes to the Memorandum must be agreed to in writing, by the parties.

5. Intentions

- Representatives from both organisations will meet to an agreed schedule to exchange information pertinent to this agreement and discuss how best to optimise the implementation.
- Each party shall fund, where relevant, its own commitments.
- Both parties agree to make every reasonable effort to fulfil commitments outlined below.

6. Commitments

The commitments in this MoU cover three areas: representation; education; patient empowerment.

6.1 Representation

Both HIHI and IPPOSI agree on patient representation in HIHI. This MoU outlines patient representation (one) on

- **Heath Innovation Hub Ireland Steering Committee**

The steering committee meets every two months in Cork. Dial in and video conferencing can be facilitated.

- **Health Innovation Hub Ireland call – pitch panel**

Each year, HHI runs a national call to industry for products that can have significant impact on Irish healthcare. The final judging stage for successful applicants are live pitches.

6.2 Education

- **IPPOSI patient education programme**

This programme delivers training for Irish patients on health research and innovation including modules on clinical trials, medicines regulatory affairs and health technology assessment. The 2019 programme is set.

IPPOSI and HHI to explore options for HHI support for programme delivery in 2020 and 2021.

- **HHI workshops**

Health Innovation Hub Ireland is running a connected series of Innovation Workshops designed specifically for HSE and voluntary hospital staff. HHI and IPPOSI to identify a patient speaker for workshop participation.

6.3 Patient empowerment in health innovation

HHI and IPPOSI are committed to patient empowerment in health innovation. Both agree:

- Through IPPOSI, to raise awareness of and involve patients in HHI.
- To use HHI programmes of work to the benefit and inclusion of patients.
- For HHI to support IPPOSI patient work/programmes where appropriate relating to the core areas of the work of HHI.

7. Legal Status

Notwithstanding the above, nothing in this Memorandum constitutes a legal partnership between the parties; rather it established a framework for working together.

8. Points of contact

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