Vision
To be a leading healthcare organisation, nationally and internationally, improving health outcomes through collaboration and innovation.

Purpose
To provide the best care to every patient through our personal and shared commitment to excellence in clinical practice, education, research and innovation, while fostering our partnership with Trinity College Dublin.

Values
Patients matter most to us.
We provide care that is safe, effective and accessible so that our patients achieve the best possible outcomes and experiences of care.

Respecting people
Being kind and honest, promoting diversity, collaboration, personal and professional development.

Innovating and sharing knowledge
We learn, teach, research and innovate to improve health and well-being.

Using resources wisely
Delivering value, working efficiently and protecting the environment.

Summary: patients, respect, knowledge and resources
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4.3 Medicine and Emergency Directorate (MED)
Acute Floor (Accident & Emergency), Nurse Education, Clinical Placement, Advanced Nurse Practitioner Clinical Activity, Education Activity, Professional Development Activity and Representation, Emergency Department Activity, Cardiology, Dermatology, Endocrinology/Diabetic Day Centre (DDC), Genito-Urinary Medicine and Infectious Diseases (GUIDe) Clinic, Hepatology Centre, Respiratory Medicine and the Respiratory Assessment Unit, Rheumatology, Neurology, Neurophysiology, Ophthalmology, Gastroenterology and Endoscopy Unit, Clinical Immunology, Nephrology and Dialysis.

4.4 Surgery, Anaesthesia and Critical Care Directorate (SACC)
Anaesthesia and Pre-assessment, Breast Care, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Critical Care, Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery to include General Surgery, Gynaecology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Prosthodontics and Cleft ambulatory care, Orthopaedics, Otolaryngology, Plastics, Reconstructive and Burn Surgery, Acute and Chronic Pain Management, Vascular Surgery and Urology and The Hospital Sterile Unit.

4.5 LabMed Directorate
Biochemistry (including Point of Care Testing), Cancer Molecular Diagnostics, Haematology (incorporating Coagulation and Cryobiology, Histopathology (incorporating Cytopathology), Immunology, The Irish Mycobacteria Reference Laboratory (IMRL), Microbiology (incorporating Virology and Infection Prevention and Control), The National MRSA Reference Laboratory (NMRSARL), Phlebotomy and Transfusion Medicine (incorporating Haemovigilance).

4.6 DiagIm Directorate
Imaging services include CT, MRI, ultrasound, breast imaging, nuclear medicine, PET/CT, interventional radiology and general X-ray. A radiographic service is also provided to the Cardiac Cath Lab, Endovascular Suite, Endoscopy, DXA and Theatres.

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5.1 SCOPe
Speech and Language Therapy, Medical Social Work, Clinical Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Pharmacy Department, Clinical Pharmacy Service, Dispensary and Distribution Services, Aseptic/Compounding Services, National Medicines Information Centre (NMIC), Centre for Advances.

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David Ceannt, Liam Cosgrave, Cathal MacSwiney Brugha 1916 commemoration celebrations
Board Members 2016
Mr. P Donnelly (Chairman)
Prof. C. Normand
Mr. B Murray
Prof. V. Timonen
Dr. E. O’Higgins
Dr. K. Harkin
Mr. M. Keane
Mr. M. Gleeson
Mr. M. Collins
Cllr. P. Smyth

EMG Membership 2016
Mr. Lorcan Birthistle, CEO
Ms. Ann Dalton, Deputy CEO/COO
Prof. Patrick Plunkett, Medical Director (Jan – Sept)
Prof. Louise Barnes, Medical Director (from Dec)
Mr. Paul Gallagher, Director of Nursing
Mr. Simon Moores, Director of Finance
Mr. Vincent Callan, Director of Facilities
Mr. Niall McElwee, Director of Capital Project
Prof. Neil O’Hare, Director of Informatics
Mr. Gerry Heffernan, Acting Director of HR (Jan – March)
Mr. Hugh Duggan, Director of HR (from April)
Dr. Una Geary, Director of Quality, Safety & Improvement
Dr. Finbarr O’Connell, Clinical Director, MED
Dr. Jeanne Moriarty, Clinical Director, SACC
Dr. Conal Cunningham, Clinical Director, MedEl
Dr. Niall Sheehy, Clinical Director, DiagIm
Dr. Brian O’Connell, Clinical Director, LabMed
Dr. Eibhlin Conneally, Clinical Director HOPE
Consultant Medical Staffing

Dr Mark Abrahams  Anaesthetics
Dr Ellen O’Sullivan  Anaesthetics
Dr Nikolay Nikolov  Anaesthetics
Dr Thomas Schnittger  Anaesthetics
Dr Noreen Dowd  Anaesthetics
Dr Niall Hughes  Anaesthetics
Dr Peter Vaughan  Anaesthetics
Dr Fionnuala Lyons  Anaesthetics
Dr Terry Tan  Anaesthetics
Dr Catherine O’Malley  Anaesthetics
Dr Jenny Porter  Anaesthetics
Dr Grainne McDermott  Anaesthetics
Dr Carmel Wall  Anaesthetics
Dr Niall Fanning  Anaesthetics
Dr Michael Carey  Anaesthetics
Dr Deirdre McCoy  Anaesthetics
Dr. Mark Halligan  Anaesthetics
Dr. Rebecca Fanning  Anaesthetics
Dr Alan Broderick  Anaesthetics
Dr Thomas Ryan  Anaesthetics & Intensive Care
Dr Jeanne Moriarty  Anaesthetics & Intensive Care
Dr Carl Fagan  Anaesthetics & Intensive Care
Dr Elizabeth Connolly  Anaesthetics & Intensive Care
Dr Daniel Collins  Anaesthetics & Intensive Care
Dr Ignacio Martin-Loeches  Anaesthetics & Intensive Care
Dr Enda O’Connor  Anaesthetics & Intensive Care
Dr Joseph Fitzgerald  Anaesthetics/Pain Medicine
Dr Jerome-Brendan Foley  Cardiology
Dr Peter Crean  Cardiology
Dr Caroline Daly  Cardiology
Dr Andrew Maree  Cardiology
Dr John Cosgrave  Cardiology
Dr Stephen O’Connor  Cardiology
Mr Vincent Young  Cardiology
Mr Michael Tolan  Cardiology
Mr Ronan Ryan  Cardiology
Dr Sarah Early  Cardiology
Dr Vivion Crowley  Cardiology
Dr Bairbre Wynne  Cardiology
Prof Louise Barnes  Cardiology
Dr Rupert Barry  Cardiology
Dr Patrick Ormond  Cardiology
Prof Alan Irvine  Cardiology
Dr. Rosemarie Watson  Cardiology
Dr Geraldine McMahon  Cardiology
Prof Patrick Plunkett  Cardiology
Dr Paul Staunton  Cardiology
Dr Una Geary  Cardiology
Dr Darragh Shields  Cardiology
Dr Una Kennedy  Cardiology
Dr Marie Louise Healy  Cardiology
Dr Niamh Phelan  Cardiology
Prof Nasir Mahmud  Cardiology
Dr Susan McKiernan  Cardiology
Prof Suzanne Norris  Cardiology
Dr David Kevans  Cardiology
Dr Finbar MacCarthy  Cardiology
Prof Dermot O’Toole  Cardiology
Dr Elaine Greene  General Adult Psychiatry
Prof Michael Gill  General Adult Psychiatry
Dr Aidan Corvin  General Adult Psychiatry
Dr. Graine Flynn  General Adult Psychiatry
Dr. Paul Scully  General Adult Psychiatry
Dr Joseph Browne  General Acute Medicine
Dr Declan Byrne  General Acute Medicine
Dr Deirdre O’Riordan  General Acute Medicine
Dr Jennifer Kieran  General Acute Medicine
Dr Nadim Akasheh  General Acute Medicine
Dr Rachael Kennedy  General Acute Medicine
Dr Terence Boyle  General Acute Medicine
Ms. Elizabeth Connolly  General Acute Medicine
Mr Brian Mehigan  General Acute Medicine
Mr Dhafir Alazawi  General Acute Medicine
Mr John Larkin  General Acute Medicine
Mr Paul McCormick  General Acute Medicine
Prof John Reynolds  General Acute Medicine
Mr. Ravi Narayanasamy  General Acute Medicine
Prof Fiona Mulcahy  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Dr Fiona Lyons  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Dr Thomas D’Arcy  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Dr Hugh O’Connor  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Ms. Mary Anglim  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Mr. Feras Abu Saadeh  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Mr. Waseem Kamran  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Ms. Noreen Gleson  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Mr. Hugh O’Connor  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Mr. Tom D’Arcy  Gynaecology & Obstetrics
Dr Catherine Flynn  Haematology
Dr Patrick Hayden  Haematology
Dr Eibhlin Conneally  Haematology
Dr Elizabeth Vandenberghe  Haematology
Dr Christopher Larry Bacon Haematology
Dr Emma Tuohy  Haematology
Prof Paul Browne  Haematology/Coagulation
Dr Barry White  Haematology/Coagulation
Dr Niamh O’Connell  Haematology/Coagulation
Dr James Stewart O’Donnell  Haematology/Coagulation
Dr Kevin Ryan  Haematology/Coagulation
Dr Stephen Sinn  Histopathology
Dr Richard Flavin  Histopathology
Dr Mairin McMenamin  Histopathology
Dr Siobhan Nicholson  Histopathology
Dr Barbara Dunne  Histopathology
Dr Cian Muldoon  Histopathology
Dr Ciara O’Riain  Histopathology
Dr Ciara Ryan  Histopathology
Dr Aoife Maguire  Histopathology
Dr Niamh Leonard  Histopathology
Dr Esther O’Regan  Histopathology
Prof John O’Leary  Infectious Diseases
Dr Colette Adida  Infectious Diseases
Dr. Mary Toner  Infectious Diseases
Dr Niall Conlon  Infectious Diseases
Dr Concepta Merry  Infectious Diseases
Dr Susan Clarke  Infectious Diseases
Prof Colm Bergin  Infectious Diseases
Dr Ann Marie O’Dwyer  Liaison Psychiatry
1.2

Legal and Banking 2016

Auditors
Comptroller and Auditor General,
Dublin Castle, Dublin 1

Bankers
Bank of Ireland, 85 James’s Street, Dublin 2

Legal Advisors
A&L Goodbody Solicitors,
International Financial Services Centre
North Wall Quay, Dublin 1.

Insurance Brokers
AON Ireland, Metropolitan Building,
James Joyce Street, Dublin 1
Introduction
The St. James’s Hospital, Patient Representative Group (PRG) was formed in March 2016 following the reconfiguration of the long existing Patient Advocacy Group, in response to national and international best practice. Monthly meetings are held in the Hospital and engagement with Hospital staff is welcomed. The Representatives serve as an advisory resource to staff of the hospital and help the staff to see the hospital from the patient perspective. Representatives bring their perspectives to quality improvement projects, service developments, information leaflets, new facilities, refurbishments, policy and educational programme development.

Key performance indicators
Theme 1, person centred care and support, in the National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare states that by considering service users’ needs and preferences in the planning, design and delivery of care and support services, better service-user satisfaction can be achieved. This, in turn, can lead to improved outcomes for service users including better health and wellbeing. The Patient Representative Group is one of a number of measures facilitated by the Patient Experience Office to enable patient and family feedback and partnership.

Performance Highlights
In its first year the group recruited ten members comprising of patients, carers and family members who volunteered to be representatives for a two year term. The group participated in eleven monthly meetings, three focus groups and engaged with thirty services and departments from within the Hospital, HSE and HIQA. Individual members have represented the group and St. James’s Hospital by participating in the ‘Mystery Shopper’ wayfinding experience, HSE multi-faith focus group, HIQA National Patient Experience Survey review meeting, patient information material, survey advisory panel and end of life steering group. The first year ended with a workshop to reflect on matters of importance raised over the course of the year and developing the group’s annual report which was disseminated to Senior Hospital Managers, the Board of Management and frontline staff.

2017 objectives
Looking to the future and 2017 the group want to continue to participate in surveys, meetings, and engagement with additional members of the Hospital staff and departments. The PRG is interested in increasing its involvement in the Hospital by being contributing to governance groups and committees within the Hospital. With increased awareness of the group there will naturally be more increasing demands also. To meet this challenge and maximise the full potential of the group they have identified the need to recruit new members in 2017.

Conclusion
The PRG were successful in providing a perspective that the Health Care Professional may not have had. The PRG’s recommendations informed the actions taken by the staff who met them. Staff members overwhelmingly reported that they found their engagement with the PRG very beneficial. This has led to a growing awareness amongst staff about the PRG and the value of engagement with them. By partnering with the Hospital the PRG have actively contributed to positive change. As the group flourishes, there is exciting potential for growth and strengthening the culture of quality, safety and person centeredness.

The Hospital acknowledges and is very appreciative of the contribution that each member of the PRG has made.
Representatives bring their perspectives to quality improvement projects, service developments, information leaflets, new facilities, refurbishments, policy and educational programme development.”
## 2.4 Performance Highlights

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ACTIVITY and PROJECTED Levels for 2016
### Period Jan - Dec 2016

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Note 1: Medicine Inpatients includes Respiratory/Endocrine/Gastroenterology/Neurology/Nephrology/Immunology/Pain Management/General Medical patients.

Note 2: Medicine Daycases includes Respiratory/Gastroenterology/Neurology/Nephrology/Pain Therapy/Anaesthesiology/General Medicine

Note 3: Oncology Daycases includes Clinical(Medical) Genetics

Note 4: Outpatient Consultant and Nurse Led Activity
The Finance Directorate operates over two main sites. The Transaction Processing Units, the Compliance Unit and SAP Support Unit are based off site at the Brickfield Campus with the remaining units based on site within St. James’s Hospital.

The Transaction Processing Units have significant experience and expertise in all transactions that are processed. The Payroll Unit processes payroll, every fortnight, for over 4,000 employees and have extremely efficient controls and processes in place most of which are either electronic or online. The Accounts Payable/Settlements Unit processes all invoices and again is predominantly receiving invoices electronically and allowing them to be directly uploaded without human intervention. Finally the Accounts Receivable Unit invoices and collects over €100m in revenue.

The technical expertise based within the Finance Directorate is second to none. The SAP Support Unit ensures the financial integrity of the SAP system, provides invaluable project management expertise and continually strives to ensure the SAP environment evolves with the Hospitals requirements. The Compliance Unit ensures that robust controls and processes are in place for all areas of transaction processing and manages the Hospital’s balance sheet. Finally the Procurement Unit provides procurement expertise, assists Directorates in identifying value for money initiatives through market engagement, provides oversight of the National Factor Blood budget and ensures the Hospital is compliant with all procurement legislation.

The Decision Support Unit has been a national leader in its ability to deliver information to end users. With the change in funding model during 2016 from a block grant to being reimbursed on the basis of hospital activity, grouped by patient diagnosis according to Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG) for inpatient and day case attendances, the focus of the department has also had to shift.

The Clinical Funding Unit has developed expertise in Patient Level Costing and the new funding model (ABF) with a real focus on Patient Level data that drives accurate costing and ensuring clinical activity is coded correctly which in turn drives the revenue.

The Management Accounts team, within the Decision Support Unit, encompasses several Business Partners who are providing the Directorates with a significant amount of financial expertise and guidance in service developments, efficiency developments and cost containment initiatives.
Doing more with less is the biggest financial challenge that the Hospital has had to face.”
Performance highlights

Key highlights include the work undertaken by the Compliance Unit during 2016. The team provided oversight and had financial responsibility of two major capital projects, namely the completion of the MISA development and the decanting associated with the National Paediatric Hospital, totalling approximately €100 million. The discipline and expertise shown on financially managing both projects was extraordinary, considering the speed at which both projects moved.

Another highlight was the start of an exciting project called “Scan 4 Surgery” within Theatre. The project allows for the scanning of consumables per patient and achieves three core functions – reorders consumables used, captures data for safety/traceability and provides patient level cost per item consumed. The project is a true collaboration between clinical (theatre) and non-clinical (finance and logistics) areas. The expertise from the Sap Support Unit and Decision Support Unit has been critical to the success of the project. The Scan 4 Surgery project has also leveraged off the electronic data capture and ICT infrastructure already developed by the Sap Support Unit and will provide a scalable platform to allow the Hospital to understand the true cost of its patients at the patient level.

The final key highlight was the financial performance of the Hospital. The Financial Statements for the reporting period 1st of January, 2016 to 31st of December, 2016 resulted in a deficit of €13,209m. The Hospital gross expenditure was €439,854m while the income and exchequer funding amounted to €426,645m. The opening surplus of €18,006m carried forward into 2016 now stands at €4,797m. The €13,209m deficit was due to the Hospital making significant investments in key projects. The majority of the deficit was due to the decanting associated with the National Paediatric Hospital and that project also allowed for other key strategic investment decisions, like refurbishing several ward areas and buying key pieces of equipment.

2017 objectives

Doing more with less is the biggest financial challenge that the Hospital has had to face. Going into 2017 this is still the case. Inflationary cost pressure, payroll pressure as the various agreements are rolled back and the volume of patients attending the Hospital on both an emergency and elective basis pose the biggest financial challenge the Hospital faces in 2017.

Yet, in spite of this, exciting opportunities still remain for 2017; the continuous improvement of day to day operations and projects the Finance Directorate will undertake will hopefully add real value to the Hospital and indirectly for the patients that we serve. Further developing our skill in Patient level costing and the analytical platform to share the key financial information will be focused on during 2017. Also, embedding and constantly promoting...
a culture of financial responsibility across the Hospital through engaging with Directorates will still remain a core theme of 2017, especially as we seek opportunities to deliver efficiency and value for money so that we can do more with what we have.

Conclusion
The work ethic, dedication and overall ability within the Finance team has meant 2016, whilst interesting at times, has been a really positive year especially considering the level of change that seen both impacting on the Finance Directorate and the Hospital overall. 2017, I have no doubt will come with its own unique challenges. The dedication and work ethic of the team gives confidence for 2017 for the directorate not only to strive to find opportunities but also to go above and beyond to add value to the Hospital overall.
Key Performance Indicators

The primary external and internal performance indicators for the HRD include:

- Compliance with the Pay Bill Management and Control Framework and requirement for the hospital to work within the funded pay envelope
- Management of absenteeism in accordance with a national/HSE target of 3.5%
- Reduction in the cost and reliance on agency staff and overtime
- Implementation of the European Working Time Directive, (EWTD), for non-Consultant Hospital Doctors
- Mandatory Training Compliance

Performance Highlights

2016 proved to be a busy year across all the divisions within the Directorate and, similar to 2015, much of the focus was concentrated on recruitment activity which increased in line with a 14% increase in vacancies approved for filling. A turnover rate of 10.4% for both nursing and allied health professional grades contributed largely to this activity and was to have service implications across all HR specialist divisions. The following is an outline of performance highlights:

- In order to fully support and underpin the hospital’s learning and organisation development strategy the Centre for Learning and Development launched a new online learning platform, ‘LearnPath’.
- Spring 2016 marked the re-launch of ‘In Touch’ by our Communications Team. The magazine, later renamed ‘SJH Times’, is now a regular and much anticipated quarterly publication directed towards enhancing staff engagement.
- A number of additional Contact Support Persons were selected and trained to provide advice and support for staff under the Dignity at Work Policy. This is a key role in helping and empowering employees in making informed decisions in relation to workplace issues which come within the scope of the policy.
- The hospital achieved a 100% rate of compliance for four of the five key EWTD performance indicators. A 74% full EWTD compliance rate was achieved.
- Following an extensive tendering process, a preferred supplier was identified for the purpose of developing an electronic time and attendance /e-rostering solution for workforce management.
- Our Occupational Health Department successfully coordinated fit testing of respiratory masks for 1074 staff: the only hospital in Ireland delivering this training. The number of staff members vaccinated against influenza continued...
2016 saw a turnover rate of 10.4% for both nursing and allied health professional grades"
to rise in comparison with previous years to 43%.

Objectives 2017
Much of Directorate activity in 2017 will continue to focus on achieving objectives which are aligned to both HSE and local performance indicators. In particular, there will be an emphasis on:-
• Recruitment, engagement and retention strategies
• Reduction in agency reliance and associated spend
• Progressing project plans for the introduction of an electronic Workforce Management System (WFS)
• Ensuring compliance with the legislative requirements arising from amendments to The National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012-2016
• Phased implementation of EWTD compliance
• Achieving mandatory training targets

Conclusion
2016 represented a particularly challenging year for the Directorate as a consequence of nurse recruitment and retention difficulties which required participation in a successful targeted international recruitment campaign in collaboration with the Dublin Academic Teaching Hospitals. This initiative, coupled with the September’s intake of nurse graduates, has alleviated a number of staffing pressures and augers well for 2017.

In January, 2016 we welcomed the appointment of a new Communications Manager. An effective communications framework is an essential requirement for any contemporary organisation and is particularly relevant to a busy academic teaching hospital such as St James’s. The establishment of a local specialist communications function is a welcome development in this regard.

Amendments to The National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012-2016, which came into effect on 29th April, 2016, provides for the retrospective vetting of 2,276 hospital employees whose appointment predated implementation of the hospital’s Garda Clearance policy. A phased implementation plan has been developed and will continue to operate throughout next year with a view to ensuring that vetting disclosures are made by no later than 31st December, 2017.

After a period of ten years in office, Ken Hardy retired from the post of Director of Human Resources in April 2016.

43% STAFF MEMBERS VACCINATED AGAINST INFLUENZA
3.5% MANAGEMENT OF ABSENTEEISM IN ACCORDANCE WITH A NATIONAL/HSE TARGET
3.3

Nursing Practice Development Unit (NPDU)

Introduction

Nursing Administration and the Nursing Practice Development Unit (NPDU) oversee, co-ordinate and support all matters relating to professional nursing practice throughout the hospital. This includes recruitment and retention of nursing and Health Care Assistant (HCA) staff; nursing practice development initiatives and projects; co-ordinating networks of communication for nursing developments and the promotion of nursing audit and the development of clinical nursing research.

Much of the practice development work is done through various committees and working groups set up by members of the NPDU Team and this is done in partnership with a number of nursing staff from the clinical areas and other members of the interdisciplinary team. The development and implementation of policies, protocols, guidelines (PPGs) is overseen by both the Nursing Practice Development Co-ordinator (NPDC) and Facilitator. The Clinical Placement Co-ordinators, Student Allocations Officer and the NPDC are responsible for co-ordinating the practice components of the BSc nursing undergraduate degree programme. Clinical support for nursing staff at ward level is provided by the Clinical Support Nurses. Audit and research advice, support and expertise are provided to both NPDU and clinical staff by the Nursing Quality Co-ordinator.

The NPDU team also comprises two Tissue Viability Nurse Specialists and project leads for the following initiatives: Falls Management; Productive Ward and the Pressure Ulcer to Zero campaign.

The End of Life Co-ordinator also provides an important support function for all hospital staff.

Key performance indicators

The Key Performance Indicators are as follows:

1. The number of nursing staff that have been recruited on a monthly basis
2. The number of nursing staff that leave the organisation on a monthly basis
3. The number of overseas nursing recruits that have successfully completed the adaptation programme.
4. Clinical areas implementing the new pressure area care bundle and displaying the number of days they remain free of hospital acquired pressure ulcers.
5. PPGs reviewed and written by the Nursing Practice Development team
6. Wards that have introduced the Productive Ward initiative
7. Nursing students who have successfully completed their four year nursing degree programme.
8. Number of staff educated in falls prevention and management
9. Number of staff educated in matters relating to End of Life Care
10. Attendees and courses coordinated by the NPDU
11. Staff trained and deemed competent to carry out venepuncture, cannulation and administration of first dose of IV medication.
The NPDU team also comprises two Tissue Viability Nurse Specialists and project leads for the following initiatives: Falls Management; Productive Ward and the Pressure Ulcer to Zero campaign.”
The Skills Project was introduced in two areas (Anne Young and Abraham Colles Wards) and demonstrated how to optimise, expand and integrate the role of the HCA into the clinical team while simultaneously facilitating nursing staff to expand their scope of professional practice.

Performance highlights
- The Nursing Strategy (2016 - 2018) was developed by the Nursing Executive in Q1, 2016
- The Productive Ward initiative was introduced to two wards in 2016 (Edward Halloran Bennett & Anne Young Wards). Arising from this initiative is the re-organisation of the Kan Ban system which has been rolled out to 15 wards and has achieved significant savings for the organisation.
- The Skills Project was introduced in two areas (Anne Young and Abraham Colles Wards) and demonstrated how to optimise, expand and integrate the role of the HCA into the clinical team while simultaneously facilitating nursing staff to expand their scope of professional practice.
- The phased introduction of venepuncture, cannulation and first dose administration of IV medication by nursing staff in 2016.
- Nursing Metrics: The Quarterly Nursing Metrics initiative continued throughout 2016; measuring adherence to nursing standards and was extended to include MDA management and storage/security of all medication.
- Policies Procedures and Guidelines (PPGS): In 2016, the two principle PPGs arising from the NPDU were a complete revision and implementation of the Medication Management Protocol (SJH:007); also the introduction for the first time of a multidisciplinary Hydration Policy.
- In 2016, 56 internship students successfully completed the Undergraduate BSc in Nursing in SJH. From this group 50, have taken up staff nurses positions in the hospital.
- In 2016, 86 nursing staff from overseas were recruited and adapted in SJH.
- Key Education and Training by the NPDU included below in Table 1

2017 Objectives
The key objectives are as follows*:
1. To continue to implement the strategic objectives that have been identified in the Nursing Strategy (2016 – 2017) including the following:
   I. To co-ordinate a nursing and HCA retention survey
   II. To finalise SJH nursing staff retention strategy
   III. To roll out the Pressure Ulcer to Zero Campaign (HSE) to all clinical areas.
   IV. Focus on improving quarterly nursing metrics results
   V. Development of nursing documentation on EPR
   VI. Introduce Nurse Led Discharge (inpatients and out patients)
2. To continue education and awareness in falls prevention and management.
3. Enhanced engagement with Trinity College Dublin as follows:
   I. Devising the new curriculum for the undergraduate programme commencing 2018
   II. Further development of clinical nursing research
4. To contribute (with QSID) to the roll out of the Sepsis Proforma in SJH (HSE).
*The above does not reflect the full list of key objectives.

Conclusion
On behalf of the Nursing Executive, I, Paul Gallagher, Director of Nursing, would like to sincerely

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Table 1. *New Programmes introduced in 2016
acknowledge the on-going commitment and professionalism demonstrated by the nursing and HCA staff of the hospital. Optimal care was provided throughout the year to our patients and their families and this has been demonstrated in our Nursing metric results.

The recruitment of nursing staff continued to be a priority during this time and was significantly assisted by the DATH’s International recruitment project.

The introduction of a number of quality initiatives mentioned above reflected the commitment of nursing staff to continue to improve and expand practice and a number of these initiatives were enabled by grant funding of €229,098 received from the NMPDU (HSE).

The hospital also commemorated the centenary of the 1916 Easter Rising with a number of events. One important event was the renaming a medical ward in memory of Nurse Margaret Kehoe who was killed on the site at St. James’s Hospital after she came to the assistance of a wounded volunteer.
Informatics Directorate

Introduction

The Informatics Directorate led by the Director of Informatics, Professor Neil O’ Hare, constitutes a number of areas that all have a strong focus on the use and quality of technology, innovation and information in the care and treatment of patients, as well as supporting the corporate needs of the hospital. These areas involved include:

- Information Management Systems and Medical Chart Coding (Mr. Finian Lynam – Dept Manager)
- Clinical Photography (Mr. Anthony Edwards – Senior Clinical Photographer)
- Medical Physics & Bioengineering (Dr. Geraldine O’Reilly – Chief Physicist)

The Department of Medical Physics and Bioengineering (MPBE) supports the application of technology in the provision of care at the Hospital. It provides scientific/engineering consultancy services and healthcare technology management services to clinical facilities and users of technology. The department’s remit includes management of imaging systems, life support, physiological monitoring, lasers, endoscopic systems and surgical technology.

The mission of the IMS department is to provide an innovative and resilient framework of Information Services to support all aspects of the hospital’s business. This includes the implementation and configuration of clinical and corporate IT systems, as well as supporting the underlying technology. The department also delivers a data management and business intelligence function for all directorates.

The clinical photography department provides a range of clinical, non-clinical photography and design services for St. James’s Hospital.

Performance Highlights for 2016

The following highlights some examples of the achievements and initiatives during 2016 spanning all three functions within the directorate:

- Work started on the design and configuration of the National Laboratory Information System (MedLIS) project. St. James’s are the first site planned to go live with the system.
- The hospital also commenced a major development in its Electronic Patient Record (EPR) with significant funding approved by the HSE. This project aims to capture all Nursing and Physician documentation electronically into the EPR, as well as the implementation of electronic prescribing of medications.
- Both the IMS and MPBE departments were heavily involved in the various hospital “decants” as part of the movement of services to facilitate the New Children’s Hospital. This included both departments moving their own locations into a combined facility. Garden Hill House had housed the MPBE Department for more than three decades. The building dated back to the early 19th century and had a rich history which was remembered...
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The “keeping the lights on” service was even more challenging this year, particularly for the team looking after an aging medical devices fleet, with a large cohort of key equipment being outdated.

and celebrated during the 1916 commemorations.

- Continuation of the PC replacement programme, removing over 500 old XP machines.
- In 2016, we had 820,000 individual visitors to the hospital’s website – a 7% increase on 2015.
- Following the commencement of the use of social media platforms in 2015, these continue to be an effective way of communicating with the Public.
- Clinical Photography’s growth in recent years (see chart below)
- Toward the end of 2016, the clinical photography department introduced a new Dermatoscopic imaging service to supplement the imaging of pigmented lesions;
- In conjunction with SJH Procurement, MPBE progressed the replacement and commissioning of electromedical equipment, using the HSE equipment replacement allocation of €1.2m;
- For the second year running MPBE implemented ‘SJH Design Week’, in collaboration with QSID. The week sees design and engineering students from NCAD and TCD take up design challenges conceived by staff from across the hospital.
- MPBE provided the Bioinstrumentation module for students on NCAD’s Medical Device Design M.Sc.

Dr. Tim Foran graduated with a Ph.D. from TCD on ‘Measurement of variability in gait with applications in older adult Informatics Directorate

Objectives for 2017

The following identify the main objectives for 2017 across all functions in the directorate:

- Go-live of the National Laboratory Information System (MedLiS);
- Replacement of remaining XP machines across the campus;
- Upgrading of the full IT network infrastructure across the campus, including extending the coverage of the Wi-Fi network;
- Provision of management information to key users in a more directorate focused way and on a mobile platform;
- Provision a comprehensive photographic triage of patients with pigmented lesions;
- Continuation of the delivery of Radiation Protection Advisory (RPA) services by MPBE to 16 external HSE hospitals and 90 HSE dental practices through its External Services group.
- Ongoing support to over €70m capital equipment (medical devices & IT systems);
- Continuation in providing a range of education and training functions

Clinical Photography’s growth in recent years

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PHOTOGRAPHY EPISODES IN 2016
to internal and external students in Universities (UCD, RCSI, TCD, etc.) on Physics and Engineering principles as they apply to medicine.

Conclusion

In 2016, the move of both the IMS and MPBE departments into a refurbished location gave the directorate a more integrated feeling in what was an extremely busy year for the hospital and directorates alike. The “keeping the lights on” service was even more challenging this year, particularly for the team looking after an aging medical devices fleet, with a large cohort of key equipment being outdated. Despite this, many major initiatives and developments were achieved. We look forward to 2017 and all the new opportunities it brings.
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Facilities Management

Introduction
The Facilities Management, (FM), Directorate provides a full range of support services in an integrated manner that both enhance the patients experience and supports the hospitals clinical staff in treating our patients.

The FM Directorate comprises the following disciplines:
- Patient Hygiene Services
  - Housekeeping & Cleaning,
  - Waste Management & Sharps,
  - Linen,
  - Laundry & Scrub Suits,
  - Gardening & Grounds,
  - Pest Control
  - Miscellaneous hygiene services
- Concourse
- Chaplaincy
- Catering
- Portering
- Telecommunications
- Facilities Management Administration
- Security & Car Parking
- Logistics
- Fire Safety Services
- Medical Records Management
- TSD/FM Engineering
- Support Services Contracts
- Sustainability and Mobility

Key performance indicators
- Security
  - Private Security Services ACT 2004
  - CCTV - I.S. EN 50132 CCTV Certification
  - Access Control – EN 50133
  - Intruder Alarm - I.S. EN 50131-1:2006 – European Standard for Alarm systems - Intrusion and hold-up systems
  - Garda Clearance Certificate as required by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland

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- Fire Compliance
  › IS 3218 – Servicing and Maintenance of Fire Alarm Systems
  › Ensuring all building renovations are compliant with their Fire Safety Certification
  › Pre-Fire planning documentation in partnership with Dublin Fire Brigade
- Patient Hygiene Compliance
  › National Standard for Better And Safer Healthcare (2012)
  › Monthly ward assessments with pass mark over 90%
  › Weekly unannounced ward assessments with pass mark over 90%
- DGSA(Dangerous Goods Safety Authority)
  › ADR European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, 2015.
  › European Communities (Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment) Regulations

### Pneumatic Tube System Upgrade

- **59** Tube Stations Replaced
- **4** Zones Increased to **15** Zones
- **15.3** km Additional Tube Installed

FM Engineering
Plan preventative maintenance
Patient Hygiene Services
• 2016 scores were consistent with 2015
• Manager Linen Service Award to
• Introduction of ECAT, a new electronic system for local assessments, increases speed and accuracy-
check what ECAT stands for. Streamlines, auto email notifications, less paperwork.

Performance highlights
Special Projects
• Scan for Surgery Initiated
• EDI Provider Swap over completed
• ECAT Ward Assessment trial completed

2017 objectives
Security
• Developing more integrated security and care plan package
• Designing an integrated Security Monitoring Facility
• Developing a CCTV replacement strategy
• Campus security Risk Assessment

Concourse and Portering
• CPR Training For all Portering Staff
• Concourse Renovation Project
• IT Request System for Portering Services

Fire Services
• Achieve 100% Fire Safety training compliance

Catering
• All food preparation facilities and food preparation compliant with IS 340:2007 "Hygiene in Catering Sector"
• Only utilising suppliers who have BRC A+ accreditation
• Catering department subject to patient satisfaction surveys, hygiene audits and microbiologist testing
• HACCP management system for safety and quality

• Environmental services department must be compliant with the Government Environmental Department
• All current and relevant building regulations

Catering
• 1,000,000 PATIENT MEALS
• 110,000 SPECIAL DIET MEALS

Environment Services
• Waste separation at source waste receptacles to be introduced
• Focus on waste management at ward level
• Improved focus on training and education

Patient Hygiene Services
• Upskilling all supervisors to Cleaning Supervisory Skills Certificate
• 3 New Team leader roles
• Further development of the Ecat auditing program and technology
• Update of cleaning specification matrix.

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Sustainability and Mobility

Telecommunications
- Update and recommissioning of emergency phone network

Medical Records
- ISO 9001 Certification to be progressed
- Electronic scanning of outgoing charts to begin

Special Projects
- Continued roll out of RFID
- Continued roll out of GSI projects including Scan4Surgery to remaining theatre rooms
- Expansion of EDI with top suppliers

Developing go live project plan for ECAT weekly ward assessments

Sustainability
- EU Life Programme proposal - St. James Hospital to partner with 6 other hospital across the EU to reduce food waste in the healthcare sector.
- Green Healthcare Programme
  - Reducing healthcare risk waste.
  - Reducing food waste.
  - Water consumption reduction.
  - Food waste surveys

Conclusion
2016 was the year of the Decant. This was the overarching term for the Programme of works that were undertaken to free up the site for the New Children’s Hospital.

It brought unprecedented activity across multi disciplines, particularly for the FM Directorate who were central to all aspects of the Decant Project.

Thanks to teams and staff who had to move.

Decant Activity
- 137 moves completed
- Over 1,200 staff relocated

Special Projects
- Scan for Surgery Initiated
- EDI Provider Swap over completed
- ECAT Ward Assessment trial completed

LIVE PRECIOUS SAMPLE TRACKING
- MAIN THEATRE
- DAY SURGERY THEATRE

Precious samples tracked in real time – alarm signals if delayed.

Operational Activity 2015

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St. James’s Hospital Recycling 2016

Recycling / Recovery Rate for 2016

- Paper
- Cardboard
- Mixed Waste
- Non-Risk Landfill
- Glass
- Metal
- WEEE
3.7

Capital Project Office

Introduction
The Capital Projects Office delivers the St. James’s Hospital Boards’ strategic capital development plan. This includes management of major capital projects and major equipment replacement in collaboration with the procurement and design teams for the purpose of ensuring compliance with statutory building requirements. Two of the key developments undertaken include Mercers Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA) and the St. James’s Hospital Decant Programme.

Key Performance Indicators
One of the key developments in 2016 was the requirement for St James’s Hospital to undertake preparatory to enable site clearance for the new National Paediatric Hospital. As a consequence, successful design and delivery of a Hospital Decant Programme was one of the key performance measure for the Capital Projects Office.

Within this process, the hospital formally released 12 acres of land within the existing campus to the Health Services Executive through a Deed of Transfer. This acreage was in turn transferred under licence from the HSE to the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board, (NPHDB).

To facilitate the above, a Decant Strategy was developed for the purpose of outlining the relocation plans and logistics requirement. Within the Decant process itself, a range of patient services were re-located within existing and new capital infrastructure. High risk projects were identified early in the strategy, including the relocation of the Pharmacy Aseptic Compounding Unit, relocation of the main IT servers and back-up infrastructure, main patient catering facilities and the Aspergillicous Prevention Works to protect wards from dust spores arising from the demolition works.

During the early part of 2016, several reviews of the Decant Strategy took place and communication sessions with each clinical and support service teams took place. These communication sessions defined the design brief for each of the projects and ensured that directorate and services management teams and their staff had input and shared ownership in developing final solutions which ensured a seamless and risk free transition with minimum disruption to patient’s clinics and procedures. Over 200 meetings took place during the period October to March 2016. This was a major undertaking involving every service of the hospital in some form or another.

The recently restructured Capital Projects Office engage two new project managers to assist in this programme of decant in late 2015 and it was clear that further resources would be required as the programme moved to implementation phases.
MISA Ireland’s first dedicated centre for successful ageing and the largest of its kind in Europe was officially opened by the President.”
Due to strict timelines fast track building methods had to be considered and assessed which required continuous engagement with Dublin City Council for the purpose of securing planning and statutory approvals.

The scale and scope of the programme required an ongoing evaluation with due consideration given to working within approved budget and timeline parameters. These evaluations required exploration of alternative methods of construction to improve on the programme period without compromising the quality and safety of hospital services.

The Decant Strategy budget costs were agreed between the key funding partners: the SJH Board, HSE Estates and the NPHDB. The total budget of €42m was allocated for capital projects and support services. The implementation of these works commenced with the procurement of contractors and contracts awarded following the receipt of the statutory approvals.

All in all, the Capital Projects Office successfully led and managed this substantive change project in 2016. Most importantly, there was no disruption to patient services during this process. Staff, across the hospital, also demonstrated considerable flexibility during this time, which was greatly appreciated by the Capital Projects Office.

Performance Highlights
Below is a summary of key performance highlights:-

1. Hospital Decant Strategy
   • 15 Ward Relocations
   • 13 services relocated off site, 14 building contracts
   • 1200+ staff relocated,
   • 43 projects,
   • 900+ patients transferred,
   • 137 departmental moves

2. Merscurs Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA)
   • The President/Uachtarán na h-Eireann, Mr Michael D. Higgins, officially opened Mercer’s Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA) on 7th of December, 2016.
   • Launch of The Cancer Institute
   • The new Cancer Institute will set a new standard for cancer care nationally, integrating medicine and science in cancer prevention, treatment and survivorship. Based on similar leading international models, it will be located in one designated facility at St. James’s Hospital.
   • NPH Decant Programme 90% Complete.
   • Planning Permission awarded for NCH, An Bord Pleanála granted St. James’s Hospital planning permission for the New Children’s Hospital in April 2016.
   • BAM awarded contract for NCH BAM has been awarded a build-only contract for the new children’s hospital project at St. James’s Hospital Campus site.

2017 objectives
Capital Projects proposed for 2017 include:
• Endoscopy Decontamination Unit Upgrade
• Jonathan Swift Anti-ligature Project
• Breast Mammography / Chest waiting room alteration
• CT (3rd) Radiology Equipment & Associated Works
• Coronary Care Toilet/Shower including Telemetry Observation Room
• Design & Dignity Family Room
• ED Zone 3 & Transition Unit Refurbishment & Upgrades

Other projects currently on hold or in tender process include:
• Ward and Theatre upgrade works
• QSID Relocation to Admissions
• Admissions Upgrade Works
• HIPE & Coding relocation to CEO Building
• Epilepsy / Neurology Upgrade (OPD)
• HODC (Shell) Fit-out & Refurbishment
• CPL - Laboratory project with TCD
• Control Room (Security) refurbishment
• Occupational Therapy Refurbishment / Replacement
• Breast Care - Visiting Sisters room refurbishment
• Reception OPD refurbishment
• Genetics Art Grant / Concourse Sculpture
• Replacement CT Equipment
• Cat Lab Replacement and expansion
• Diagnostic replacement equipment

Developments in 2016/2017
The successful completion of these major projects is testimony to the work and dedication of all staff across the hospital who were either directly or indirectly affected.

As projects were completed and handed over, the directorate bid farewell to staff members who had been seconded from other areas within the hospital:
• Deirdre Doyle who was seconded from ICU, returned to her post in ICU. Deirdre demonstrated great expertise and value during the decant programme as chief end-user co-ordinator in managing and maintaining the patient services during each relocation.
• Michelle Greene’s secondment from Finance ended and she attained promotion to the Compliance Section. Michelle greatly assisted with the Capital Projects account and contracts for each of the multiple vendors during the early stages of the Decant programme.
4.1 HOPe Directorate

Introduction

The HOPe Directorate encompasses the specialties of Haematology, Medical Oncology including Cancer Genetics, Palliative Care, Psychological Medicine and Radiation Oncology. The Haematology Department incorporates national specialities as follows: National Centre for Adult Bone Marrow Transplantation and the National Coagulation Centre.

The Directorate provides integrated care with St. Luke’s Radiation Oncology Network and the Cancer Clinical Trials Programme and is supported by the Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust, the Irish Cancer Society and the Daffodil Centre.

Key performance indicators

The HOPe Directorate aims to provide best care for patients, based on patient experience, safety, clinical excellence and innovation.

Hospital Key Performance is measured as follows:

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In addition, Medical Oncology provides a monthly report to the HSE detailing:
- The total number of patients who received a new parenteral systemic therapy in the day ward setting.
- The total number of patients who received a new parenteral systemic therapy in the day ward setting within 15 working days of the date of the finalised treatment plan.

Cancer Genetics provide quarterly reports to the HSE detailing:
- Wait times for predictive and diagnostic testing.
- The number and type of laboratory tests completed.

Palliative Care compile a monthly report to the HSE detailing:
- In-patient and out-patient activity.
- Patient outcomes.
- Wait times for in-patient and out-patient consults.

In addition to the above, the National Adult Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Unit submits detailed data on each transplant patient to the European Society of Blood and Bone Marrow Transplantation (EBMT).
As the National Adult Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Unit, the service carried out 95 autologous and 83 allogeneic stem cell transplants this year.
Performance highlights
There are eight cancer multidisciplinary team, (MDT), cancer conferences held weekly to establish consensus diagnosis and treatment plans for all cancer patients. The following provides a summary outline of the number and type of cancer cases discussed from 2010-2016 inclusive:-

National Coagulation Centre:
• In 2016, the National Coagulation Centre, (NCC), was re-located to a new premises located on the 3rd Floor of the Haematology and Hepatology, (H&H), building. This has improved patients’ accessibility to the H&H Assessment Unit, enhanced staff workflow and overall coordination of services between NCC and H&H Assessment Unit.
• The NCC was selected to lead the National Haemophilia ‘Lighthouse Project’ by e-Health Ireland. The aim of this project is to demonstrate the full benefits associated with the deployment of an advanced e-health solution and provide generic learning that can be deployed to services within the Irish Health System.

Cancer Genetics:
• The NCCP are actively supporting the growth of the Cancer Genetics service under Professor David Gallagher’s leadership.

Haematology:
• As the National Adult Haematopoietic Stem Cell Transplant Unit, the service carried out 95 autologous and 83 allogeneic stem cell transplants this year.

Palliative Care:
• Thanks to funding from Trinity Med Day, the bi-annual Remembrance Service took place in April and November which was jointly organised by the Medical Social Work and Palliative Care Teams. Some 163 family members, representing 76 patients who died in St. James’s Hospital, attended the service. Mr. Christy Conneally’s thoughtful and droll reflections on bereavement were very well received.

Medical Oncology:
• Catherine O Brien, (Lead Cancer Nurse), launched the e-Smart study in the hospital. This is a European nursing study monitoring chemotherapy toxicities and patient quality of life during treatment. This project has been funded by a European grant.

Radiation Oncology:
• The national stereotactic ablative body radiotherapy (SABR) programme saw a 34% increase in patient numbers in 2016. Work is underway on developing a protocol for the more high-risk and centrally located tumours which will be implemented in 2017.
• Total body irradiation continued with a 33% increase in patient numbers.
• Several new techniques for treating breast cancer were introduced within the department. In May, the deep inspiration breath-hold technique which aims to reduce the heart and lung doses received from breast treatment was used to treat 53 patients. The service was awarded a Certificate of Compliance with the Novalis Standard for Stereotactic Radiosurgery (SRS) and Stereotactic Ablative Body Radiotherapy (SABR) programmes.

Cancer Clinical Trials:
• In 2016, 19 new trials opened and recruited 165 patients in total. 55 patients were recruited to oncology/haematology clinical trials and 110 patients were recruited to translational research / QOL studies / Non-interventional studies. Trials continue to be conducted with many major pharmaceutical companies and international co-operative groups in the areas of breast cancer, head & neck cancer, oesophageal cancer, lung cancer, colorectal cancer, ovarian cancer, melanoma, lymphoma and chronic myeloid leukaemia.

Psychological Medicine:
• Continued to support the intern placement within the psychological medicine service in 2016 and facilitated GP registrar placements.

The number and type of cancer cases discussed from 2010-2016.
• Referrals for cancer genetics patients have continued to increase.
• Development of new service for the sickle cell cohort is on-going.

Objectives for 2017

Joint Accreditation Committee-ISCT & EBMT (JACIE)
A haematology data manager and a clinical quality manager will be appointed to lead on JACIE accreditation for the haematology service.

Medical Oncology Clinical Information System (MOCIS)
• St. James’s Hospital to be included in phase one implementation of a National Medical Oncology Clinical Information System starting in the summer of 2017.

Cancer Institute:
• Planning for the proposed Cancer Institute is ongoing. It is a joint initiative between Trinity College Dublin and St James’s Hospital. The new facility will set a new standard for cancer care nationally, integrating medicine and science in cancer prevention, treatment and survivorship.

Haematology:
• Expand in-patient/out-patient capacity for Stem Cell Transplantation.
• Establish dedicated ambulatory care space for the Haemoglobinopathies service.

Haematology Oncology Day Centre:
• Expand capacity of Day Centre with reconfiguration of waiting areas and creation of new consulting rooms.

Medical Oncology:
• Translational Medical Oncologist due to start in summer 2017. This will be a joint appointment between St James’s Hospital and Trinity College Dublin.
• Establish shared care service with the Midlands Regional Hospital, uillamore. Two new Medical Oncologists are planned for 2017.

Summary
Activity increased in all areas of the service in 2016. There has been no commensurate increase in staffing or capacity which represents an ongoing challenge for the Directorate. We eagerly await the publication of the 3rd Cancer Strategy chaired by Professor John Kennedy which may address these issues.

In 2016, a re-organisation of our in-patient services took place with the reconfiguration of Patrick Kavanagh and Water Stevenson Wards into a new 43 bedded in-patient unit named in honour of our late colleague Professor Donal Hollywood. This has led to considerable efficiencies and improved experience for our patients. The unit is very busy from an acuity/turnover perspective and staffing remains an ongoing challenge.

We would like to acknowledge the following:

We are grateful to Irene Moran who worked with us as acting Operations Manager (April 2016 – January 2017).

An additional CNS, Amy Nolan, joined the Cancer Genetics service, while Cristin Leavy was appointed as Cancer Genetics Service Manager in November.

Margaret Codd our former ADON resigned in September 2016 to take a post with the HSE. Jennifer Kerlin was appointed as a replacement.

Julie Benson was appointed CNM II in the National Coagulation Centre.

Dr. David Gallagher was appointed Professor in Cancer Genetics.

In our Palliative Care team, Rory Wilkinson became a candidate ANP with a focus on ambulatory care and avoidance of admission, and Ms. Ciara Monaghan and Ms. Colette Cleary joined the CNS team. Dr. Fergal Kelleher, Consultant Oncologist, also joined the service in a shared appointment with Tallaght hospital. His specialist interest is malignant melanoma.
4.2 MedEl Directorate

Mercer’s Institute for Successful Ageing

Introduction
Medicine for the Elderly (MedEl), forms a distinct directorate within the management structure of St. James’s Hospital, providing a very comprehensive range of clinical services for elderly patients. The aim of the directorate is to provide optimum patient care with maximum efficiency and effective use of resources.

The Mercer’s Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA) was opened in 2016 and provides ‘state of the art’ health care for older people through innovative practice models that allow easy and rapid access to specialist multidisciplinary assessment and treatment. MISA has forged, and maintains, strong links with community services. The institute provides quality clinical care that informs and is informed by latest research findings. It is a hub for world breaking research in ageing. Using evidence based best practice, the service model embraces innovation and novel technologies, and has built within it a strong research and evaluation process. It also functions as a support for teaching and education of health professionals and community outreach. Additionally, by breaking down the barriers between primary and secondary care, the institute permits the seamless integration of hospital and community services for older patients. The institute promotes and highlights the creativity of older people to enable expression through art, sculpture, poetry, literature, music and drama.

Key Performances Indicators
The MedEl Directorate continues to measure key performance indicators which are tracked within four broad categories:

- Hospital wide indicators
- Nursing metrics
- Speciality-specific indicators
- Operational performance indicators

Performance highlights
In 2016, the new MISA facility was opened, which was the culmination of over thirty years of planning. The construction of the new building was enabled thanks to the generosity and support of Atlantic Philanthropies, together with matching funding from the Department of Health and the Health Services Executive.

MISA has 116 beds; four wards each consisting of 29 beds, 20 single rooms in each ward, and three, three bedded rooms. It also has state-of-the-art units in Bone Health, Falls and Syncope, Memory, Neurovascular and General Medical services for the older person. All of these units are extremely busy and serve not only the local population, but act as a secondary referral centre for patients from other hospital clinics in Ireland.

MISA significantly upgraded its research resources and facilities in Medical Physics and Bioengineering, Memory, Bone Health, Falls and Syncope, as well as transferring a large proportion of the The Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing, (TILDA), Research Centre to MISA from the Trinity Campus.

The opening ceremony for the new institute was performed by President Michael D. Higgins on the 7th of December, 2016. The President spoke of the opportunities as well as the challenges of ensuring that elderly citizens enjoy active and fulfilled lives; “In a world where we can expect to see more and more people leading significantly longer lives, innovative
and creative thought around the ageing process will become increasingly important."

In 2016, the 10th Anniversary of TILDA was also celebrated. Then Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People, Ms Helen McEntee, opened the conference held in September to mark the occasion and commented: “TILDA is unique amongst longitudinal studies in the scope of measures collected which includes a health assessment component. It represents a critical source of evidence to better understand ageing in Ireland over a sustained period of time and across a number of domains.”

Objectives for 2017

Clinical Developments: Frailty Intervention Therapy Team

The MedEL Directorate presented a proposal to introduce a Frail Intervention Therapy Team which was supported by hospital management and funding agreed by the HSE. The programme will see the development of a liaison service, where prior to a decision about admission or discharge being made, a Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment targeted at frail older people will be conducted within one to two hours of them presenting at the Emergency Department (ED). It is planned that this service will also review the medical charts of older patients admitted or discharged from the ED out of hours for frailty criteria, and these patients will then be contacted to assess if further Medicine for the Elderly input is warranted.

The key objective of this initiative is to improve the Patient Experience Times (PET) for patients over 70 attending ED and avoidance of unnecessary admissions.

Research Development

National and international research will continue to develop and progress in 2017 in the field of Memory, Bone Health, Falls and Syncope and Neurovascular.

TILDA will continue to the next wave of the study providing evidence to inform public policy on health and wellbeing across a wide range of other areas such as pension and retirement, social inclusion, crime, housing and transport.

Introduce and develop Training and Education Programmes

The Training and Educational Pillar within the Institute aims to promote a more innovative approach to training and education in ageing, by making it interdisciplinary in focus, integrating the training of different health care professionals, augmenting their own single discipline experience, which will ultimately result in better patient centered care for the older person. A Training and Education Coordinator will be appointed in early 2017 to begin the development, scheduling and promotion of MISA training and education programmes.

Creative Life Programmes

The Creative Life Pillar within the Institute will promote and highlight the creativity of older people to enable expression through such activities as art, sculpturing, poetry, literature, music and drama, allowing for the experience of the positive aspects of creativity in ageing and how it can also help adaptation to disability and ill-health.

Awards

Professor Rose Anne Kenny received the ‘Speaker of the Year’ accolade for her presentation ‘Highlights from the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing’ and was awarded the Marie Harte Cardiology Medal at the 12th Annual Connolly Hospital Research Symposium in May 2016.

Ciara Rice Clinical Nurse Specialist in FASU was presented with an award for ‘Excellence in Cardiovascular Care’, at the Euro Heart Care conference in April 2016.

Professor JB Walsh received a ‘Life Time Achievement’ Award by the Irish Osteoporosis Society of Ireland for his contribution to Bone Health and Research (Photograph L-R Professor Moira O’Brien presenting the Life Time Achievement Award to Professor J. Bernard Walsh)."
The Creative Life Pillar hopes to act as a model of how creativity and the arts can contribute to successful ageing throughout Ireland and will have strong interactions with the Clinical, Research and Training and Education Pillars to enhance and support creative and healthy ageing.

The Institute will appoint a Creative Life Co-ordinator early next year who will be tasked with initiating and developing creative life programmes.

Conclusion
The new MISA building has made a huge positive contribution to raising the morale not only of the Department of Medicine for the Elderly, but of the entire hospital in setting a new standard of excellence in construction and provision of patient care facilities.

MedEL would like to express its sincere thanks for the support of all the previous Chairmen of the St. James’s Hospital Board and Corporate Management team. A special thanks also to the staff of the MedEl Directorate and the wider hospital for their support and commitment to MISA.

The Dementia Services Information and Development Centre (DSIDC)
The Dementia Services Information and Development Centre (DSIDC) is a national centre dedicated to promoting best practice in all aspects of dementia care. Its services are threefold: education, research and information dissemination.

DSIDC’s mission is to improve the quality of life and care for all those affected by dementia. This is done through research, education and training, and through collaboration with other professional groups.

The collective mission of DSIDC is to reduce the impact Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias have on individual, families, the community and society at large. These collaborations are both national and international, reflecting the effective synergy between the centre’s academic, research, policy and service development pillars.

The DSIDC aspire to make Ireland one of the best places in the world for people to live well with dementia and to die with dignity, cared for by a well-educated workforce. The DSIDC website has been carefully designed to cover a broad range of dementia related topics, aiming to keep the public and professionals up-skilled with the latest thinking on best practice in dementia care.

Key Performance Indicators
During 2016, the DSIDC relocated to Mercers Institute for Successful Ageing (MISA) and established its new Education Centre on the 6th floor. This learning and educational facility is well resourced with books, reports, training manuals and online access to medical and social science journals.

Key highlights of 2016 include the publication of; ‘The Brain - from the Fantastic to the Forgetful’, a training manual for teachers, accompanied by a workbook for school children which can be integrated into Junior Cycle subjects including SPHE, Civic Social and Political Education (CSPE) and Science and Wellbeing. The manual teaches secondary school students about positive ageing, brain health and dementia.

Other highlights include; co-hosting of the 6th Memory Clinic conference; participation at national and international conferences; collaboration with DemPath in relation to making two Emergency Department bays dementia friendly; designing and implementing short staff education sessions; participation in the Dementia Elevator Roadshow; and interviews on national radio.

The DSIDC is represented on a number of national committees including the Department of Health committee for the implementation and evaluation of the National Dementia Strategy. During 2016, staff from the centre conducted a number of design consultancies which enabled many organisations to enhance the living experience of their clients living with dementia by improving their environment.

Conclusion
DSIDC’s education services continue to be in high demand with staff from the centre providing education to healthcare professionals nationwide and on site.

Its information and consultancy service demonstrate the increased interest in the needs of people with dementia. DSIDC staff respond to many queries from health care professionals, specifically around quality of life interventions for nursing homes. Queries from the public relate to what they should do if they are worried about their memory or the memory of a relative.

The DSIDC website, Facebook and Twitter accounts continue to be a valuable information source for both health service professionals and the general public. These platforms offer users a forum to seek out assistance, information and advice on any dementia related enquiry they may have.
Medical and Emergency Directorate (MED)

Introduction
The Medical and Emergency Directorate (MED) comprises all Internal Medicine specialties. Organised into four administrative pillars, (Acute Floor, Inpatient Care, Day Procedures & Ambulatory Care), our mission is to provide best care for all patients based on safety, clinical excellence and the patient experience. The agreed management process is a clinically-led cycle for continuous improvement.

Our aims focus on optimal acute and ambulatory care for all patients in the following specialties –
• Emergency Medicine
• Acute and Internal Medicine
• Cardiology
• Dermatology
• Endocrinology
• Endoscopy, Gastroenterology and Hepatology
• Clinical Immunology
• GU Medicine and Infectious Diseases
• Ophthalmology
• Nephrology
• Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology
• Respiratory Medicine and the Respiratory Assessment Unit
• Rheumatology

Key performance Indicators
Within each of the MED Directorate specialties, key metrics are agreed for the specialty as a whole, and for major patient pathways within the specialty, aligned to key metrics for the hospital, the HSE, NCCP, and the National Clinical Programmes. Data is reviewed at specialty operations meetings to identify variation from expected. Patient pathway optimisation projects have begun in most specialties. Reports are provided daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and yearly related to the specific KPI reporting requirement. Metrics are available to view on the hospital dashboard.

Performance Highlights
Many MED specialties were involved in the decant process to facilitate the development of the National Children’s Hospital, in particular Hepatology, Rheumatology, Cardiology and Respiratory Medicine. All of the staff involved deserve a huge vote of thanks for the hard work involved in maintaining services while completing the decant programme. We also
Overall admissions increased by 1% in 2016 vs 2015, and average length of stay was significantly reduced at 9.8 days, with an 8% increase in elective admissions.”
acknowledge the benefits of specialties coming closer together because of decant.

Most inpatient activity in MED is driven by acute admissions via the Emergency Department, (ED), which increased by 2% in 2016 versus 2015. St James’s performed very well on HSE ‘TrolleyGar’ which is a daily measure of the number of patients in acute hospitals awaiting admission to an inpatient bed.

Longer Patient Experience Times (PET) than ideal reflect challenges around patient flow with ever-increasing activity, but also work-up of patients on the acute floor for potential same-day discharge. Overall admissions increased by 1% in 2016 vs 2015, and average length of stay was significantly reduced at 9.8 days, with an 8% increase in elective admissions.

Significant progress has been made in the process of transforming the acute medical on-call process to a patient-centred model. This has involved an increase in specialty flow of patients at admission, particularly to Geriatrics and Respiratory Medicine, and a new distributive model of on-take implemented by our acute general physicians to enable flow of patients to multiple teams each morning on a more frequent basis. These initiatives provided a net benefit during the first year of 18,000 bed days returned to the system.

Cardiology activity continued to increase, particularly around the Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI). Percutaneous trans-aortic valve implantation (TAVI) activity also continued to increase on foot of additional Consultant manpower. A detailed cardiac strategy for the next 10 years was also finalised in 2016.

Dermatology services showed steady increases in referrals for outpatient services and MOHs day surgery. Access times were maintained within KPI guidelines, despite significant activity growth.

2016 was a very challenging year for the Endoscopy service with much of the Endoscopy equipment reaching end of life in the same 12 month period with associated replacement funding challenges. The procurement process for replacing the Endoscopy Washroom commenced in Oct 2016, alongside an endoscope replacement process.

Hepatology nursing staff participated on National and International Advisory Boards as Nurse Consultants expert in the area of Hepatitis C and advised on the projected treatment strategies involved in forward planning and implementation of national strategies. In Rheumatology Medicine, nursing staff developed a patient diary to assist...
patients to self-manage their arthritis. It was developed as a useful tool for patients to document symptoms as well as medications and hospital/GP visits. In November, at the Irish Healthcare Awards, the ‘Best Nursing Project of the Year, was awarded to ‘MiKidney App’; an app designed to help empower chronic kidney disease patients to self-manage their disease. The app was designed and driven by Nuala Doyle, Clinical Nurse Manager.

Objectives 2017
We aim to continue to meet the challenges of providing safe, excellent, person-centred care for all patients attending MED specialties in 2017. Works will be carried out to refurbish Zone 3 in the ED and to facilitate the opening of a Medical Ambulatory Care Suite. We hope to increase capacity for dialysis and telemetry, and to resolve issues around fluoroscopy, scope stock and decontamination in endoscopy.

A proposal will be developed for expansion of the respiratory sleep service aligned with the narcolepsy service and with improved neurophysiology testing. Separate proposals will be developed for new consultant posts in various overstretched specialties.

We hope to continue to gain momentum with the agreed model for the directorate and to optimise further pathways for the benefit of our patients. We will work with our colleagues in other directorates and with the hospital executive towards bed designation and begin long-term planning required for co-location of the National Children’s Hospital at St James’s.

Conclusion
It is increasingly challenging to continue to provide best care for patients with steady increase in activity across all specialties, increased acuity and complexity, and increased frailty among an increasingly ageing population, while funding and staff levels have not meaningfully increased in any way to compensate for the severe cutbacks implemented between 2008 and 2015. Against this backdrop, front-line staff deserve huge credit for providing exemplary care, frequently way above and beyond contractual duties, supported by a very dedicated administrative staff and executive team.

2016 saw the departure of Professor Plunkett, after a 28 year-long career within the hospital with the final two years served as Medical Director of St. James’s Hospital. His departure culminated with the presentation of the William Stokes award by the Minister for Health, Simon Harris, for his enormous contribution to the field of Emergency Medicine. Professor Plunkett’s contribution to the development of the Emergency Department from a small department with one consultant to where it is today has been immense.

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Surgery Anaesthesia and Critical Care Directorate, (SACC)

The Surgery Anaesthesia and Critical Care Directorate, (SACC), provides a range of services and specialties at a local, regional and national level. SACC’s mission is to provide safe, timely and personal care to all patients.

Services provided are Anaesthesia and Pre-assessment, Breast Care, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Critical Care, Upper and Lower Gastrointestinal Surgery to include General Surgery, Gynaecology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics, Prosthodontics and Cleft ambulatory care, Orthopaedics, Otolaryngology, Plastics, Reconstructive and Burn Surgery, Acute and Chronic Pain Management, Vascular Surgery and Urology. SACC is also responsible for the hospital Sterile Supplies Unit.

The core management team consists of: a Clinical Director, Operations Manager, four Assistant Directors of Nursing and three Directorate Service Managers. Monthly Specialty Operations meetings are held with the Specialty Lead Clinicians to review activity and Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s), and to plan strategic service developments.

Key performance Indicators

In addition to the internal performance indicators related to clinical activity and outcomes, the Directorate supports delivery of national key performance indicators most notably in relation to patient waiting times. 2016 was an extremely challenging year for surgery, due to significant reductions in theatre capacity due to rolling closures as a consequence of nursing shortages. This impacted to varying degrees on wait times for all surgery. A targeted overseas recruitment initiative in the Philippines and India proved successful. Whilst there is a lead in time due to adaptation needs, it is anticipated that theatre capacity will be restored to normal levels in early 2017.

The Directorate also reports to the National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) for Rapid Access Prostate and Rapid Access Breast services.

Performance Highlights

The in-patient Anaesthesia Pre-assessment Clinic commenced in February 2016, increasing in July to three Consultants providing clinics every week.
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The Urology Service acquired a Holmium laser for the treatment of renal stones in September 2016. This reduces both operative time and length of stay and facilitates treatment of complex stones.

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Day Surgery activity reduced from 11,504 cases in 2015 as a consequence of bed pressures arising from emergency admissions during the first half of 2016 which represented a 15.5% decrease in day surgery activity.

Admissions to the General Intensive Care Unit, (ICU), and Keith Shaw ICU increased by 16% and 9% respectively in comparison with 2015 rates whilst admissions to the High Dependency Unit, (HDU) decreased by 42%.

Admissions to the surgical wards showed a slight decrease, (1.3%), from 2015 levels.

With the appointment of Ms Allison Reynolds as Trauma Co-ordinator, St. James’s Hospital joined the national Multiple Trauma Audit, which submits to the Trauma Audit Research Network (TARN) in the UK.

**Objectives 2017**

The primary objectives for the Directorate throughout 2017 will be to maximise existing theatre capacity, secure urgent equipment replacement in theatres and extend the roll-out of preoperative assessment and Day of Surgery Admission, (DOSA). It will also continue the planning for a shared Central Decontamination Unit.

Allied to the above, the Directorate has prioritised the following resources and service requirements for next year:-

- Additional theatre capacity externally for low acuity and Day Case surgery.
- Funding for additional Consultant posts in Anaesthesia, Pain Medicine, Gynaecological Oncology, Upper GI Surgery, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and Prosthodontic Surgery.
- Funding for enhanced SCOPE services for the Head and Neck and GI Cancer programmes.

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Conclusion

2016 has been a challenging year for the Directorate in the context of nursing recruitment and retention difficulties and the impact on service continuity particularly in the Operating Theatres. This has coincided with a period of intensive planning for the re-location of a number of specialty services and administrative offices as part of the Hospital Decant Programme. As we approach 2017, we look forward with optimism to plans to increase nursing staff levels through targeted recruitment initiatives. The decanting of services to new office and clinical facilities by the end of Quarter 1, 2017 will also significantly improve working environments for patients and staff.

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LabMed is responsible for the overall management and development of the laboratory medicine and molecular pathology services in support of St. James’s Hospital and general practitioners. It also provides routine supra-regional and national referral services to hospitals across the state underpinned by service level agreements. LabMed has two national reference laboratories— the Irish Mycobacteria Reference Laboratory (IMRL) and the National MRSA Reference Laboratory (NMRSARL).

All laboratory medicine services are accredited, with over 1,000 tests within the scope of accreditation. The laboratory disciplines, outlined below, were accredited to the updated international standard ISO 15189:2012 in 2014 for a five year period (2014-2019). There is an annual surveillance over two day period and in 2016 the laboratory directorate maintained the accreditation status. The services accredited include:

- Biochemistry (including Point of Care Testing-POCT)
- Cancer Molecular Diagnostics
- Haematology (including the Coagulation Laboratory of the National Centre for Hereditary Coagulation Disorders (NCHCD) and Phlebotomy
- Histopathology (incorporating Cytopathology)
- Immunology
- The Irish Mycobacteria Reference Laboratory (IMRL)
- Microbiology (including Virology and Infection Prevention and Control)
- The National MRSA Reference Laboratory (NMRSARL)
- Phlebotomy
- Transfusion Medicine (incorporating Haemovigilance).

The Transfusion Medicine Department, incorporating Haemovigilance, is accredited to standards ISO 15189 and AML-BB (SI 360 of 2005) from the Irish National Accreditation Board (INAB) and retained its accreditation status in 2016.

License to operate as a Tissue Establishment:
St. James’s Hospital Tissue Establishment incorporating the Cryobiology Laboratory has received their license to operate as a Tissue Establishment from the Irish Medicine Board (IMB) following inspection in accordance with EU
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Key performance indicators (KPIs)

The laboratory is compliant with the following standards for all services:

1. ISO 15189:2012 Medical Laboratories - Requirements for Quality and Competence
2. ISO 22870:2016 Point of Care Testing: Requirements for Quality and Competence
3. ISO 15189 and AML-BB (SI 360 of 2005) for Transfusion and Haemovigilance services
4. License issued by the HPRA under EU Directives 2004/23/EC; 2006/17/EC and 2006/86/EC (SI 598 of 2007 and SI 158 of 2006) for the Cryobiology laboratory as part of the Tissue Establishment
5. Compliant with the National Clinical Programme for Pathology
6. Support all national clinical programmes and particularly the National Cancer Control Programme

In addition to the many KPIs incorporated in the accreditation standards above, other KPIs include:

- Meeting agreed turnaround times for reporting the results of examinations, tests and investigations as outlined in our LabMed User Guide or by agreement with individual clinical services within the hospital
- Participating in multi-disciplinary team meetings within the hospital
- Provision of clinical advisory services for all laboratory services
- Engaging with clinical teams in the development of new diagnostic services in support of clinical diagnosis and treatment and clinical care pathways
- Development of predictive marker testing services for the National Cancer Control Programme
- Engaging with national projects that will enhance the quality in services provided nationally, such as, the National Medical Laboratory Information System Project, Laboratory Financial Management, Laboratory Modernisation projects
- Participating in pan hospital committees, such as, Antiobiotic Stewardship; Infection Prevention and Control; Hospital Transfusion Steering Group; Hospital POCT Steering Group; Chemical Safety; Water Safety and Waste Management.
- Engaging in a number of clinical trials, such as, the global trial for LOXO-101 Basket Study, looking for NTRK rearrangements for targeted therapy and iPROSPECT, which is the Irish programme for stratified prostate cancer treatment using Next Generation Sequencing profiling for men with advanced prostate cancer.

Performance Highlights

National Coagulation Laboratory
- The commissioning of the new National Coagulation Laboratory located annexed and integrated into the main Laboratory Medicine Building. The addition and commissioning of a new café and administration office was also part of this project. This was part of the Decant programme for the National Children’s Hospital (NCH) and was completed in October 2016.

Cancer Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory (CMD)
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Clinical Biochemistry and Haematology
- Reconfiguration of the Core Blood Sciences Laboratory from June to September 2016. This included a new CB100 pre-analytics with new line configuration which has chemistry and immunoassay availability on all 3 lines. Haematology introduced a new suite of Sysmex equipment and tracking system and an additional immunoassay system for haeraminics
- Second Mass Spectrometer installed in November 2016 for the provision of steroid hormone measurement and anti-fungal drugs and for method developments
- Introduced accredited faecal calprotectin test: Faecal calprotectin testing is recommended by NICE as an option to help doctors distinguish between inflammatory bowel

Tissue Establishment

St. James’s Hospital Tissue Establishment incorporating the Cryobiology Laboratory has received their license to operate as a Tissue Establishment from the Irish Medicine Board (IMB)
diseases, such as, Crohn’s disease and ulcerative colitis, and non-inflammatory bowel diseases, such as, irritable bowel syndrome
• ICT Connectivity for 23 POCT Ketone meters across the hospital.

Clinical Immunology
• Refreshed equipment and ICT connectivity that will enhance the service in all Immunology modalities
• The introduction of new test modalities in 2016 has increased the expertise of scientists in the department and greatly enhanced the service to patients and clinicians with improved access to testing methods and quicker turn-around-times together with cost savings
  o Immunoblots for myositis (ISO15189 Accredited 2016).
  o Immunoblots for LKM in the diagnosis of autoimmune disorders
o The use of transvected fixed cells for identification of antibodies to NMDA receptors – these are currently validated in Immunology and have been in use since December 2016

Microbiology
• Qualitative Detection of Pneumococcal Urinary Antigen using the BinaxNOW™ Streptococcus pneumoniae Antigen Card
• Introduction of VIDAS HIV Duo Ultra assay in Serology
• Introduction of Rapidic Carba NP for detection of carbapenemase producing GNBs
• Providing a national laboratory AST service & participating in ECDC European Surveillance Network for Antimicrobial resistance in N. gonorrhoeae (EURO-GASP).
• Introduction of Liofilchem gradient MIC susceptibility testing for moulds
• Increased screening for Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CRE) using both routine microbiology culture & susceptibility & rapid molecular assay using the GeneXpert. This includes weekly screening of critical care areas, and screening of admissions/transfers who have been in or attended other hospitals
• Introduction of second line susceptibility testing for M. tuberculosis isolates
• Introduction of IBS and ITS gene sequencing for identification of NTM
• Verification of NTM susceptibility testing
• Introduction of an in house AmpliSens Pneumocystis jirovecii assay
• Use of whole genome sequencing for the investigation of outbreaks caused by MRSA

Next year’s (2017) Objectives
In 2017, The Laboratory will continue to enhance the services it provides with a particular focus on developments and availability of molecular tests to support early diagnosis and treatment options and continue to provide tests that are predictive markers of disease, particularly relating to cancer. In addition, the laboratory will continue to optimise efficiency in order to deal with the increased demand for tests.

The laboratory will review its facilities and infrastructure and plan to provide additional accommodation and facilities to support the expanding repertoire of services it provides. The desire to build a new campus laboratory is a major goal of the department but other options will also be considered.

Expanding facilities for Cancer Molecular Diagnostics and supporting its developments in support of cancer diagnosis, treatment and research is a key goal for 2017.

To continue to work with the HSE National Project Team for the implementation of the national MedLIS project. St. James’s Hospital Laboratory department has been chosen as the first pilot site for implementation, which is likely to occur in Q1 2018.

To plan and agree a protocol for the replacement and upgrading of analytical and support equipment in the laboratory department that is essential to its core functions of delivering a quality and safe service and that supports its ongoing developments in support of optimal patient care.

Conclusion
There has been significant growth in patient tests requests throughout 2016. The largest growth has been in the more complex tests, such as, molecular tests in cancer and infectious diseases and also those utilising Flow Cytometry and Tandem Mass Spectrometry.

The laboratory retained its accreditation status following surveillance by the Irish National Accreditation Board.

The relocation and integration of the National Coagulation Laboratory into the existing Laboratory Medicine building was very successful. As part of this development, a new laboratory restaurant and administration facility was provided.

There was a significant refresh of analytical equipment in biochemistry and haematology in 2016 as part of a managed service programme.

Challenges:
The three key challenges are:
1. The expansion and modernisation of the laboratory medicine infrastructure to meet the needs of the expanding services provided and of those required to be developed
2. Replacing and updating the laboratory based analytical and informatics equipment to facilitate the provision of a modern quality based service, benchmarked to internationally best practice standards
3. Employing additional scientific staff to support the developments in molecular diagnostics that are key to optimal patient care.
The DiagIm Directorate

Introduction
The DiagIm Directorate provides a diagnostic imaging service to the patients and clinicians of St. James’s Hospital. Imaging services provided include CT, MRI, ultrasound, breast imaging, nuclear medicine, PET/CT, interventional radiology and general X-ray. A service is also provided to GP’s in the catchment area as well as tertiary care to hospitals outside the catchment area. A radiographic service is also provided to the Cardiac Cath Lab, Endovascular Suite, Endoscopy, DXA and Theatres. The provision of education and training is a key function of the Directorate. A training programme for specialist radiology registrars is delivered in addition to on-going clinical training of undergraduate and postgraduate radiography students.

Key performance indicators
The demand for diagnostic imaging services has seen an exponential growth in activity over recent years. The Directorate aims to provide timely patient access to all diagnostic imaging services provided.

National access KPI’s for breast imaging (mammography and breast ultrasound) are defined in The ‘Quality Assurance Standards for Symptomatic Breast Disease Services in Ireland’, HIQA (2007). All breast imaging requests for new patients should be carried out within 12 weeks of attendance at the specialist breast clinic.

Performance highlights
There was a continued focus on improving our wait times for all procedures in 2016. The overall activity of the department was unchanged with an increase in CT and ultrasound.

In 2016, radiology nurses successfully completed

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Comparable Activity Analysis by Modalities
During 2016, radiographers successfully completed the Magnetic Resonance Imaging and Computed Tomography strands of the MSc in Medical Imaging at Trinity College Dublin.”
In recent years, the demand for routine breast imaging (mammography and ultrasound) has also risen significantly. A business case for the installation of additional breast imaging equipment and reconfiguration of the existing breast unit has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

Emerging Challenges / Themes For 2017

Expansion of CT services
The demand for CT services continues to increase per annum. A business case for the installation of an additional CT scanner in the Emergency Department has been submitted to the HSE. The provision of a third CT scanner will create additional CT scan capacity to meet this increasing demand and reduce the waiting times for CT. Other opportunities to create additional capacity in CT will be explored during 2017.

Breast imaging expansion
In recent years, the demand for routine breast imaging (mammography and ultrasound) has also risen significantly. A business case for the installation of additional breast imaging equipment and reconfiguration of the existing breast unit has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

Conclusion
In 2016, the Directorate focused on improving access to diagnostic imaging services. In response to the increasing demand for key imaging services,
business cases to expand CT and breast imaging capacity were resubmitted to the HSE. During 2017, the Directorate will continue to highlight the requirement for these service expansions and explore other options to provide additional capacity.

In 2016, Colette Regan, Clinical Specialist Radiographer in Cardiac retired after 23 years’ of service at St. James’s Hospital. Pauline Lynch was appointed to the Business Administrator position in the Directorate. During 2016, two locum consultant radiologists joined the Directorate providing valuable radiology support, Dr. Eoin McCarthy and Dr. Afshin Nasooodi. Dr McCarthy previously worked as a radiology registrar at St. James’s Hospital. Dr Nasooodi was previously employed as a consultant radiologist at University Hospital Birmingham.
5.1 SCOPe Directorate

Introduction
The SCOPe Directorate comprises the five Health and Social Care Professions which includes Speech and Language Therapy, Medical Social Work, Clinical Nutrition, Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy. SCOPe provides a multidisciplinary client centred holistic inpatient and outpatient service to enhance client independence and quality of life in keeping with best practice. Currently there are 179.79 whole time equivalent Health & Social Care Professionals, 10.45 Clerical/Administration grades and 10.70 wte Health Care Assistants.

Key performance indicators
• Total activity increased by 1%
• 2.8 overall sick leave for 2016
• Hand hygiene and Fire Mandatory Training compliance ≥ 93% during 2016

Performance highlights
• Departments went live with Electronic Health Record (EPR)
• SCOPe MedEL staff moved to the Therapy Floor of the new MISA Building.
• 11 staff completed the SCOPe Leadership Programme.
• An ICT Quality Improvement Group was established under the Microsystem Methodology.
• A Quality Improvement Group was established to standardise practices across SCOPe.
• SCOPe presented at a number of national conferences this year.
• Open Day for Transition Year Students held.

Clinical Nutrition:
• Clinical Nutrition was actively involved in the HIQA unannounced inspection of nutrition and hydration care.

In 2016 Health & Social Care Professions provided a service to:

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SCOPe provides a multidisciplinary client centred holistic inpatient and outpatient service to enhance client independence and quality of life in keeping with best practice.”
A follow up clinical trial investigating the effects of prolonged EPA-enriched enteral nutrition was completed with write-up in progress.

A joint dietitian and consultant surgeon malabsorption clinic continued in 2016.

A pilot project of the Nutrition Care Process Model was rolled out and expanded.

The first adult ketogenic service dietetic service in Ireland was established in St. James’s Hospital on a temporary basis initially.

The senior renal dietitian, with the renal multidisciplinary team, developed an app “MiKidney” for chronic kidney disease patients. This was piloted in 2016 and received an Irish Healthcare award.

An evaluation of patient empathy using the validated tool CARE was undertaken.

Changes to the patient experience were developed.

Change management groups were established to explore internal quality improvements.

Medical Social Work:
- Children’s Lives Include Moments of Bravery (Climb) programme established for children affected by Cancer
- MSW Policy on Homelessness
- Social Work contributed to planning for Family room in Mortuary which opened in November 2016.

Occupational Therapy (OT):
- OT received a large stock of adaptive and specialised equipment from community colleagues via the “Winter Initiative” to facilitate discharge in CHO 7.
- The OT department was the beneficiary of the Foundation Golf Classic raising essential funds to improve departmental accommodation for out-patients.
- A new service for head injuries was established in the Emergency Department.
- OT collaborated with MDT colleagues to complete an audit of 2016 interdisciplinary referrals.
- OT was involved in a pan-hospital audit and needs assessment of seating available at ward level.
- An Occupational Therapist’s article on “Fatigue and Activity Management Education for Individuals with Systemic Lupus Erythematosus” was accepted for publication in the “Occupational Therapy International” journal.
- OT introduced the “Functional Independence Measure” as a team based outcome measure on Handel ward in MISA and delivered accredited training to hospital staff and external organisations.
- Occupational Therapy and Physiotherapy facilitated Bobath Neurodevelopmental Rehabilitation training for staff.
- Neurology OT delivered “Lee Silverman Voice Technique (LSVT) – Big Movement” rehabilitation sessions to Parkinson’s disease service users with excellent results.

Physiotherapy:
- 7 day acute stroke assessment service commenced in May 2016
- New equipment for Multiple Sclerosis /outpatient service-users was acquired from the proceeds of first St James’ Hospital Foundation Charity Cycle in May 2016.
- Physiotherapy was chosen as a minor beneficiary for Trinity Med Day 2016.
- The MiKidney app won an award at the Irish Healthcare Awards – senior physiotherapist member of the award-winning team.
- Physiotherapy 2016 service-user newsletter posted on SJH intranet and internet sites.

Speech & Language Therapy (SLT):
- Swallow screening was successfully rolled out in Hyper Acute Stroke Unit (HASU).
- Head and Neck Oncology senior staff completed Psych Oncology and tracheostomy training
- Critical Care –Education sessions for SLTs and multi-disciplinary team staffing.
- Communication boards for patients received using donations from the patient comfort fund.

Neurology OT delivered “Lee Silverman Voice Technique (LSVT) – Big Movement” rehabilitation sessions to Parkinson’s disease service users with excellent results.

- Bi-annual presentations of quality improvement and development projects commenced.
A cross site initiative for Cleft Lip and Palate commenced between SJH and Crumlin Hospital developing multidisciplinary care pathways for 22Q11 deletion syndrome.

Clinical Specialist Therapists in Radiation Oncology developed a protocol for assessing dysphagia and voice in patients with lung cancer who are receiving radiotherapy.

Practice tutor completed a remote “e-observation tutorial” with SLT students from University of Limerick.

2017 Objectives

• OT, physiotherapy and social worker to commence as part of MedEL Frailty Team on 1st April 2017; initially for six months
• To continue providing care to specialities currently under resourced and to seek additional resources for such specialities with increase in demand and complexity.
• To retain and recruit experienced staff to provide safe care to the highest standard.
• To continue the standardisation of relevant processes across all SCOpe Departments.
• To continue the quality improvement initiative theme using the microsystems methodology.
• To develop relevant reports and enhance existing reports from the electronic patient record data.
• Improve communication with patients, colleagues within the hospital and external agencies through improved use of website and social media.

To keep encouraging staff to engage in continuous learning and grow leaders and managers within SCOPe

To improve accommodation for OT, Social Work and Clinical Nutrition.

To seek additional non-pay budget for essential patient equipment and old equipment requiring replacement.

Clinical Nutrition

• Identify and avail of opportunities to ensure all patients have access to high quality nutrition care in line with national nutrition and hydration standards.
• Challenges to meet emerging needs of young adults transitioning from paediatric services requiring specialist dietetic services.
• Ongoing increase in demands from growth in activity and complexity of patients with cancer presenting to surgical and medical specialities including an increasing cohort of patients discharged on home parenteral nutrition, requiring intensive dietetic input.

Medical Social Worker

• Recruitment challenges due to end of HSE embargo and new Social Work posts available.
• National safeguarding policy and practice development
• Assisted capacity legislation

Occupational Therapy

• Re-housing or upgrading required urgently
• Insufficient non-pay budget.

Physiotherapy

• Decant ongoing & time-consuming o Interim decant of outpatient services February 2017
• Final permanent move to Hospital 4 ground floor planned for April/May 2017.

Speech & Language

• Continue to provide service under staffing pressures in SACC Directorate, particularly in Head/Neck Oncology speciality - increase in referrals without any additional staffing.
• Increase in referrals across HOPE, MED and Medel Directorates, with no additional staffing.

Conclusion

• Paula Markey took up the Medical Social Work Manager’s Post
• Brid Wilson took up Physiotherapy Manager In-charge 111 post (0.5wte)
• Occupational Therapist post in Neurology out-patients made permanent
• Two permanent Physiotherapy clinical specialist upgrades occurred from existing senior posts in Acute Stroke and Multiple Sclerosis – the first of their kind nationally.
• Deirdre Gilchriest was seconded to IMS to replace Marie Byrne on a temporary basis for nine months
• Senior SLT upgraded to Clinical Specialist in Head and Neck Oncology.
5.2 Pharmacy

Introduction
The Pharmacy Department aims to work as an integral part of the multi-disciplinary team to provide a pharmacy service that optimises patient outcomes through the safe, judicious, clinically effective, appropriate and cost effective use of medicines.

We source and procure, clinically review, dispense and distribute medicines and selected non-medicinal products within the hospital. A full suite of pharmaceutical services are provided to the hospital and its patients. These services include Pharmacy Procurement, Medicines Management, Clinical Pharmacy Services including specialist HOPE and GUIDE Clinical Pharmacy Services and Aseptic Compounding Unit services (ACU). We also supply pharmaceutical services, both products and staff, to St. Luke’s Hospital, Rathgar. Both pharmacies are registered with the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, under the Pharmacy Act requirements of 2007.

Activity in 2016 continued to grow and pharmacy services adapted to same. The challenge and focus of 2016 was to successfully complete the Pharmacy decant whilst maintaining standards, minimising impact on patients and ensuring continuity of pharmacy services within the hospital.

Key performance indicators
In 2016, the Pharmacy Department continued to adhere to regulations as defined by the Pharmacy Regulator and HIQA. Work also commenced on the development of internal key performance indicators for the Department. This process will extend into 2017.

Performance Highlights
The major achievement of 2016 was the successful decant of the Pharmacy Department from Hospital 7 to the main hospital. This has resulted in a new aseptic compounding unit being built, commissioned and validated.

Other performance highlights included:-
• In conjunction with the HOPE Directorate, dose banding for cytotoxic drugs was introduced on a pilot basis and successfully extended to a broad range of cytotoxic medicines.
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- The department achieved its aim of automation with the addition of robots. Work practices have changed with a reduction in manual handling of products and greater stock control, resulting in a more contemporaneous and efficient medicines management service.
- The department was augmented by the addition of a senior pharmacist in procurement. The post holder acts as a lead for all aspects of Pharmacy procurement and works closely with the hospital procurement team to ensure correct procedures and value for money.
- The department worked alongside nursing, IT and others to secure funding for the Hospital EPMAR project. Consequently in 2016 three pharmacists joined the department and commenced work on this project.

Objectives for 2017

In 2017, the Pharmacy Department aims to build on the progress achieved in 2016 by:
- Reviewing and expanding work process changes with the introduction of robotics, with the aim of further improving efficiencies within the medicines management process.
- Continuing its work on the EPMAR project with Pharmacy leading on the drug catalogue and work flows.
- Commencing development work on the national MOCIS project.
- Expanding their procurement activity, increase its expertise, and by harnessing greater value for money.
- Demonstrate the quality and cost effectiveness of its clinical pharmacy service through relevant KPIs and research.

Conclusion

The Pharmacy Department faced a year of great challenges in 2016. The department met these challenges, maintained its core activity, while also managing to expand services. In 2017, the department will build on these achievements. A significant body of work will also be undertaken by the department towards the hospital implementation of EPMAR and MOCIS.

3 PHARMACISTS

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5.3 National Medicines Information Centre (NMIC)

Introduction
The National Medicines Information Centre (NMIC) provides independent, evidence-based information and advice to healthcare professionals throughout Ireland. The aim of the NMIC service is to promote the safe, effective and efficient use of medicines through information provision, mainly by means of a clinical enquiry answering service (CEAS) and proactive information provision through our publications; Therapeutics Today and the NMIC therapeutics bulletins. Our team of pharmacists and doctors are trained in information retrieval and analysis and use a range of information sources including specialist texts, information databases and primary journals. Both NMIC publications are available on our website (www.nmic.ie) and are distributed nationally to healthcare professionals. The NMIC also has an educational role in promoting safe and effective use of medicines. This is demonstrated through our involvement in teaching to medical and pharmacy undergraduate and postgraduate students, GP trainees, NCHDs, GPs etc.

Key performance indicators (KPIs)
- Over 77% of enquiries to our CEAS originated in primary care.
- Nearly 96% of enquiries to our CEAS were patient-centred.
- 95% of enquiries to our CEAS were answered within the specified time.
- Six NMIC therapeutics bulletins were published on the following topics: Gout, Onychomycosis, Critical Review, Chronic Urticaria, Herbal Medicines and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.
- Twelve Therapeutics Today newsletters were published.
- Two Prescribing Skills workshops were delivered to RCPI trainees as part of their basic specialist training programme.
- Therapeutics training sessions were delivered to GP trainees and to final year UCD medical students as part of their GP training.

Performance highlights
A monthly user survey to obtain enquirers' opinions of the NMIC service was undertaken on a sample of enquiries received by our CEAS. A response rate of nearly 70% was achieved. Some findings in 2016 were as follows:
- 96% of respondents said that the information provided by the NMIC answered their clinical enquiry.
- 98% of respondents were confident in the information provided.
- All respondents said that they would use the NMIC CEAS again.

In 2016, the NMIC provided an external review process for educational material for pharmacists developed by the IPU Academy.

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such as the RCPI, Department of Health, HPRA, HSE and ICGP.

Ongoing contribution to the work of the Pharmacy & Therapeutics, Medication Safety, and New Drugs committees in SJH.

In June 2016, the NMIC relocated to Hospital 1, Middle Floor.

Next year’s (2017) objectives

• To continue to provide a high quality service that remains patient-focused and responsive to the needs of our users.
• To explore in more depth how users of our CEAS utilise the information provided by the NMIC.
• To continue progressing medical education (CME), and accreditation for NMIC publications.

Conclusion

2016 has been a busy and productive year. The NMIC continued to provide information support to healthcare professionals to assist them in the management of patients with increasingly complex pharmaceutical needs.

12 NEWSLETTERS

Twelve Therapeutics Today newsletters were published.

2 WORKSHOPS

Two Prescribing Skills workshops were delivered to RCPI trainees as part of their basic specialist training programme.
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Regional Oncology Programme Office

Introduction
The Regional Oncology Programme Office’s (ROPO), main remit is the improvement and development of cancer services throughout the Region through health communications, health promotion, health education, service improvement and advocacy under the leadership of the Regional Director, Cancer Services.

It is used as a resource to enable and mobilise efforts in cancer care services among the institutions in the area of communications, health education, service improvement and advocacy. Aiding in the management educational initiatives, expansion of the cancer audit information system, it functions as a focal point for building strong collaborative relationships with Regional and National bodies.

Key Performance Indicators
- Cancer Audit Programme (CAP) is responsible for the provision of comprehensive Key Performance Indicators (KPI’s) for the National Cancer Control Programme in many cancers services including breast, lung, prostate, oesopagogastric, rectal, gynaecological and melanoma. The KPI programme allows SJH to evaluate the quality of our cancer service, compare our performance against other cancer centres and ensure a culture of continuous quality improvement in the delivery of cancer care.
- The CAP also provide information for internal and external audit, accreditation and facilitate cancer site research, interfacing with translational and clinical cancer research.
- To commence the process to secure European Accreditation as a designated Cancer Centre with the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OCEI).
- To support the pilot development of a biobank for breast cancer. No national registry or biobank of breast cancer ‘family-risk’ patients currently exists in Ireland. The absence of a national registry for these individuals means that the prevalence of BRCA mutations in the Irish population is unknown. As such this project will effectively plan all aspects of the national breast cancer family risk registry and biobank.
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Performance Highlights 2016

- Establishment of a National Breast Cancer Family-Risk Registry and Biobank with the Breast Care Department.
- Development of the Cancer Genetic webpage on the Cancer Institute’s website with the Genetics Department.
- Development of a Prostate Social Prescribing Project with the Department of Medical Physics and Medel Directorate.
- Developing evidence based patient information leaflet with the Gynaecology Oncology Department.
- Cancer Audit Programme is piloting the upgrade of their current IT system within the Breast Care Unit. Using the new web based system; data can be captured in real time by clinicians through a user friendly interface increasing the accuracy and availability of data.

2017

The Programme Office will continue to work and support the accreditation process for European Accreditation for designation as a cancer centre with the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI). This is an important step in realising the vision of a St. James’s Cancer Institute which will set a new standard for cancer care nationally, integrating medicine and science in cancer prevention, treatment and survivorship.

Conclusion

The Cancer Institute at St. James’s Hospital is being created because there is a need to better define the cancer function and all its elements, clinical, education/training, and research, and to address real gaps in existing structures. The Cancer Institute will coordinate cancer research at St. James’s Hospital which conducts and supports research, training, health information, dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer and the continuing care of cancer patients and their families.

The Regional Office already has created the cancer website, for the Cancer Institute, ensuring patients and their families have the most up to date information from the teams around the cancer sites on treatment and research.

That was the first step, now we are supporting Trinity College Dublin with the accreditation process to secure designation as a cancer centre with the Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI). It is intended to apply for the first step of the OECI accreditation process in 2017.

The Organisation of European Cancer Institutes (OECI) is a body dedicated to improving research collaboration among Europe’s cancer centres. They
identified the need to develop a system for monitoring the research and care offered to patients, and also to find ways to harmonise patient care and share the knowledge that enables developments to improve the standard of care.

The Institute will:
• Support and coordinate research projects completed by universities and hospitals.
• Support education and training in clinical disciplines for participations in basic and clinical research.
• Support projects in cancer control.
The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust

Introduction
The Bone Marrow for Leukaemia Trust (BMLT) is a registered charity which supports all aspects of Bone Marrow Transplantation for leukaemia and related diseases in the National Transplant Unit in St. James’s Hospital. The BMLT supports; research through the John Durkan Leukaemia Research Laboratories; patient care with direct financial grants to patients in need; accommodation for patients and their families in seven fully furnished apartments in the Chocolate Factory which is located close to St. James’s Hospital. The apartments are provided gratis and are serviced by the Hilton Hotel; and Specialised nursing and medical education. The BMLT does not receive any government support and all its activities are supported by voluntary donations.

Performance highlights
The highlight of the year was the presentation of a cheque for €250,000 (the first of three) to the Provost of Trinity College Dublin to support the appointment of an Assistant Professor of Leukaemia Research to be carried out in the John Durkan Research laboratories in St James’s Hospital. The Provost, Dr Patrick Prendergast, thanked the BMLT by hosting a dinner in his house at No. 1 TCD. Dr Tony McElligott was subsequently appointed to the new research chair and was welcomed by the BMLT board members at the annual BMLT dinner.

The BMLT was however greatly saddened by the death of its initiator and first chairman, Professor Ian Temperley, on 20th February 2016. Professor Temperley, together with the late Eugene Murray, founded the BMLT in 1980 to initiate and support all aspects of transplantation in St. James’s Hospital. When he was Professor of Haematology, Ian was responsible for the treatment of childhood leukaemia, initially in the National Children’s Hospital in Harcourt Street, development of treatment for haemophiliac patients, initially in the Meath Hospital, and the establishment of a clinical and laboratory haematology service in St. James’s Hospital. He was a superb chairman of the BMLT and was enthusiastic in supporting all the fundraising efforts of the BMLT. Although he had stepped down as chairman in May 2009, he maintained a great interest in all aspects of the BMLT and transplant activity in the hospital. He will be greatly missed and the BMLT extends sincere condolences to his wife, Joyce, and all his family.

John Drumgoole, an initial member of the BMLT died on 15th March 2016. John was an active member of the BMLT and took part in many fundraising events. The BMLT extends condolences to his wife and family.

As always, the BMLT is very grateful to all its supporters who engaged in fundraising activities throughout 2016 and to the efforts of Ms Kathryn Johnson and Maureen Sheridan in particular. The annual walk took place in Malta with twenty walkers taking part. The event was organised by Kathryn Johnson and was a very important fundraising event for BMLT. The BMLT was saddened to hear of the death of Seosamh O’Luana who had been a great supporter.
and took part in 20 successive walks. Seosamh went on his first walk 1995. The BMLT expresses sincere condolences to his family.

Fundraising continues to be challenging but the transplant program in St. James’s Hospital continues to grow. The BMLT will continue to fundraise and explore new avenues as it now is considered to be an intrinsic part of the transplant activity in the hospital.

The BMLT is putting currently updating its constitution, is in compliance with the requirements of the Charities Regulator, and is bringing governance up to best practice standards.
Our Mission
To raise funds, promote awareness and support St. James's Hospital in improving the healthcare and wellbeing of its patients.

The role of the Foundation is to facilitate and attract private donations to support the work of St. James's Hospital. Donations to the Foundation are used to enhance facilities, support innovation and research, provide education and training for hospital employees and elevate the standard of care for all patients.

The Foundation also manages research funds on behalf of researchers at St. James’s Hospital. It is committed to creating an environment in which education and research in the health sciences and allied areas flourish to enhance patient care.

Performance highlights
• Joanne McMahon awarded UTV Pride of Ireland’s ‘Fundraiser of the Year’. She raised an incredible €210,000 for the National Burns Unit
• Our 8th annual Liberties Fun Run, supported by Kathryn Thomas and David Norris, achieved €75,000; proceeds were contributed to refurbish changing areas and facilities at the Guide Clinic.

2016 Expenditure €359,500
2016 Income Fundraising activities/donations €890,000
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We are strengthening our focus on women’s health with BRAVE ‘Challenging the Future of Family Breast Cancer’, was launched in September with patient support. We are also working with Gynaecological cancer team to secure funding for precision surgical equipment.

- Our inaugural Wicklow Mountains Cycle took place in May with €27,000 raised in aid of Physiotherapy.
- In June, our Women’s Mini Marathon team raised over €20,000 for various causes in the hospital.
- In 2016, we focused on a number of key appeal areas including:
  - Target Lung Cancer boosted by the support of our ambassador Neven Maguire
  - We are strengthening our focus on women’s health with BRAVE ‘Challenging the Future of Family Breast Cancer’, which was launched in September with patient support. We are also working with Gynaecological cancer team to secure funding for precision surgical equipment.
  - Finally, we are pursuing funding of €1.4m for a CT scanner as part of our overall Head and Heart programme, working collectively with consultants from cardiology, radiology, stroke and ageing.

Supporting St. James’s Hospital
The Foundation supported a range of projects through donations, including:

**Family Rooms**
Over €70,000 was contributed to the final phase of the construction of the Family Rooms project, providing space to enable families to meet privately with doctors and nurses to discuss private matters in relation to patient welfare.

**Small Grants**
The Foundation aims to enhance the facilities, education and environment at the hospital and, through its small grants competition which is open to all members of St. James’s Hospital staff, awards funding for improvements and innovations within the hospital. €50,000 was awarded in this year, primarily for items of equipment and initiatives to improve the lives of patients and benefit staff in their work. These ranged from specialist, comfort seating to rehabilitation and clinical equipment and devices to assist in the prevention of falls/slips/injuries to patients classified ‘at risk’.

**Burns Unit**
€16,500 was contributed to rehabilitation equipment which included a bath hoist, an upper and lower limb active and passive trainer and humidifier.

**Physiotherapy Department**
The Foundation, through the proceeds from its inaugural Cycle Challenge, funded state of the art rehabilitation equipment (totaling €15,000).

**Hospital-wide comfort seating initiative**
The Foundation contributed €10,000 towards an initiative to provide height adjustable, orthopaedic bedside chairs at ward level. The new seating will meet a range of specific patient needs, providing support and comfort.
Other initiatives funded through the Foundation included enhancement of the ICU waiting area and Wi-Fi/internet provision for ICU patients; an ice making machine to provide relief for cancer patients, and portable pulse oximeter for patient comfort when transferring wards. The Foundation also supported the successful introduction to ICU of the handprint initiative, designed to help families and loved ones of patients come to terms with a sudden, unexpected death.

The range of events and appeals continues to increase. During 2017 this will include overseas events: recruiting a team of walkers to take on the Camino walk in Portugal, whilst back on two wheels some of the braver cyclists will take on the Paris2Nice 600kms challenge. The New York Marathon which already has a team in preparation.

A huge thank you to all donors for their generosity throughout the year and to the support of the staff of St. James’s Hospital.
5.6 Research and Development Hub

Introduction
The Research and Development Hub (R&D Hub) is a joint venture between SJH and the Wellcome - HRB Clinical Research Facility (CRF). It provides research oversight and support, and entered its second year of operation in 2016. The objectives are to promote research across the SJH campus; reduce research related risk, by putting processes in place to promote best practice, and put in place a system to approve and monitor all research activity.

The core staff includes Dr. Declan O’Hanlon (Programme Manager) and Anna Burdzanowska (Executive Officer). A research Steering Group is in place that is jointly chaired by Ms. Ann Dalton (SJH DCEO/COO) and Prof. Michael Gill (Professor of Psychiatry and CRF Director), and includes a number of directors/managers, and Principal Investigators. The output of the group is supported by the work of an Operations Group. The operational elements include the processing of online research application approval submissions by review groups, including the CRF, Legal Office, Nursing Research Access Committee, and DCEO/COO. Other activities include the provision of support in a “sign-posting” capacity, and developing strategic plans for increased research activity and governance.

Key performance indicators
The Steering Group meets each month. Subgroups review fully completed research applications, with clinical audits reviewed weekly, clinical research studies and clinical trials reviewed fortnightly, and Nursing Research Access Committee submissions reviewed on a monthly basis. In 2016, 51% of studies required ethics. The research types included Clinical Audit (37%), Clinical Research Studies (22%), Clinical Trials (17%), and Quality Improvement Research (9%).

There are numerous third party regulations and best practice guidelines, that the R&D Hub takes into account including EU/national legislation, Good Clinical Practice Guidelines, the HPRA, Ethics Committees, HIQA, the Data Protection Commission, and the State Claims Agency.

Performance highlights
A new online research application approval system was built in-house, piloted from January to May 2016 and launched in June 2016, simplifying and streamlining the numerous previously existing processes. The system includes an accompanying Guidance Document, defining research related terminology, describing different research types, and outlining ethics and data protection requirements. A backend database allows progression through the approval pathway to be monitored, as well as the generation of information and statistics. The number of research submissions rose from 124 in 2015 to 180 in 2016, representing a 40% increase in the volume of research captured.

A three year research strategy was developed during Q3 and Q4 of 2016, the “St. James’s Hospital Research Governance and Support Strategy 2017–2019”. The main focus areas include; research support, research approval,
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financial governance, communication/promotion, and cross-institutional collaboration. The document sets out a Research Mission “to support and increase the output, oversight, visibility and utilisation of high-impact, high-quality research that is of value to both SJH staff and patients”, and a vision, “to leverage the hospital’s scale, creating an environment where research is valued, and to establish robust governance structures and processes to support safe, quality assured, innovative research”.

2017 Objectives
There are research related regulatory changes expected in 2017, regarding EU regulation of clinical trials and medical devices. There will also be an addendum to the Guideline for Good Clinical Practice. The hospital’s three year research strategy will be completed, signed-off and adopted. The first working group is to be established and will focus on research related financial governance, starting with a micro-costing exercise of clinical trials.

A poster presentation submission will be made to the UK CRF Network’s Annual Conference in Glasgow in July 2017, with a paper entitled: “Establishment of an Irish Hospital R&I Office, and an Online Research Application System”.

The R&D Hub will be renamed the Research and Innovation (R&I) Office in 2017, to be more inclusive.

Conclusion
The R&D Hub will continue to transition towards a Research and Innovation (R&I) Office, building on the outputs since 2015. For any type of study to take place in the hospital, an online research application form must be filled out. There is an increasing volume of research being captured, and greater visibility is providing more information to assist with further strategic planning, and can be used to showcase research capabilities. Further work will be done to deliver on the three year research governance and support strategy, to support research activity on campus, and to translate guidelines on best practice into policy.

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**ONLINE RESEARCH APPLICATION APPROVAL SYSTEM**

**LAUNCHED JUNE 2016**
Wellcome – HRB Clinical Research Facility

Introduction
The Wellcome – HRB Clinical Research Facility (CRF) at St. James’s Hospital supports Trinity College and St. James’s Hospital based investigators in conducting clinical research with patients of the hospital. This is accomplished by providing access to purpose built facilities, equipment and specialist services that enable high quality clinical research to take place.

The CRF is funded by the Wellcome Trust and the Health Research Board and is jointly governed by the hospital and TCD. The facility is a clinical area of approximately 1,300M2 and includes clinical assessment rooms, an exercise physiology room, an electrophysiology suite, isolation rooms, a six-bed day ward, a dispensary and aseptic compounding suite and a sample processing laboratory. Services provided by the CRF include advice on the preparation of protocols and funding applications, contract negotiations, pharmacy and nursing research, regulatory affairs advice and sample processing.

The CRF is open to a wide range of research, which includes experimental medicine and early phase clinical trials, Phase III clinical trials, studies involving exercise physiology/physiotherapy and electrophysiology studies. It also collaborates with the Centre for Advanced Medical Imaging by supporting studies involving their 3T MRI and ultrasound machine. The CRF is used by a wide range of the hospital’s health professions including nurses, physiotherapists, clinical nutrition, psychology and bioengineering.

Key performance indicators
The CRF is an integral part of the hospital and is subject to the policies and procedures in place for other areas of the hospital. The CRF is focused on clinical research, which includes trials of investigational medicinal products and medical devices regulated by the Irish Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA). The activity of the CRF is governed by EU and national clinical trial legislation and the CRF is always prepared for inspections from HPRA.

The CRF has agreed a set of KPIs with the HRB and in 2016, the CRF met or exceeded the majority of these targets.

Performance highlights
During 2016, the CRF experienced growth in activity as evidenced by an increase in the:

- Number of applications for CRF support with clinical studies - 39
- Number of studies becoming active in 2016 - 19
- Number of St. James’s specialties/sub-specialties using the CRF - 36
- Number of study participant visits in 2016 - 4,279
- Support provided to investigators making grant applications - 34.
The CRF is funded by the Wellcome Trust and the Health Research Board and is jointly governed by the hospital and TCD.”
Notable studies completed during the year include a study of a medical device used for treating Tinnitus, led by Mr Brendan Conlon; an HRB funded study examining gut hormones and appetite in Oesophageal Cancer patients led by Professor John Reynolds and an EU funded Phase 1 vaccine trial led by Professor Colm Bergin.

During 2016, study income allowed the CRF to increase its complement of research nursing staff and take on a full time laboratory technician for sample processing. The CRF also established a research nursing position dedicated to Public and Patient Engagement and Involvement (PPE/I) in clinical research. In December the CRF opened its new dispensary area and now all investigational medicinal products used by investigators in the hospital are stored and dispensed from within the CRF.

2017 Objectives
In 2017, the CRF will continue expanding its levels of activity, and together with the hospital’s Research and Innovation Office, will focus on streamlining the administration of clinical research for investigators based at St. James’s Hospital. The hospital is the largest hospital in the country with a large potential for clinical research. Key challenges include:

- The recruitment and retention of research active clinician scientists with protected time for clinical research
- Ensuring the full value the benefits of clinical research for the health service are recognised
- Using the CRF as a way of attracting and retaining hospital staff.

Conclusion
In 2016, we truly saw the CRF become an embedded part of the hospital. An increasing number of hospital staff are recognising the opportunity for clinical research that the CRF provides for them. At the same time the CRF is providing a critical linkage between the clinicians in the hospital and the translational scientists based in the nearby Trinity Translational Medicine Institute.

The CRF exemplifies what it means for the hospital to be at the heart of an academic medical centre and this will enable ongoing improvements in the care provided to patients and their families.

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4,279
STUDY PARTICIPANT VISITS

19
STUDIES BECOMING ACTIVE IN 2016
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Quality and Safety Improvement (QSI) Directorate

Introduction

The Quality and Safety Improvement (QSI) Directorate exists to help front-line and supporting services provide patient care that is safe, high-quality and person-centred.

The QSI team’s work includes patient safety and risk management, quality assurance, supporting effective governance, promoting person-centred care, responding to patient and family feedback on behalf of the hospital and helping staff develop and apply quality improvement knowledge and skills.

QSID aims to support and enable all services in the Hospital in the effective implementation of the National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare (2012) and other national standards and guidelines relevant to their area.

Performance highlights

Patient Safety and Risk Management

Staff engagement in safety event reporting remained the foundation of safety management in the Hospital. Safety events were investigated through systems analysis and learning was shared from the clinical front-line to the Hospital Board and externally with the HSE and the State Claims Agency. Members of the directorate team implemented a new electronic platform to support patient safety and risk management and upgrade the complaints management system. The Safety Managers worked closely with patients, families and staff in reviewing safety events and identifying areas for improvement. The Team’s work included:

• Responding to staff reports of safety risks, concerns and events;
• Triggering Safety Notices to prompt urgent notification and action in response to serious risks
• Supporting effective safety governance through the Hospital’s Safety Committee
• Training staff in risk management, providing safety workshops, contributing to induction and leadership programmes and post-graduate courses.
• Coordinating the Hospital’s Safety Alert management in response to product re-calls
• Contributing to the work of external safety and risk management groups

The Hospital’s Medication Safety Programme continued under the governance of the Hospital’s Medication Safety Committee and its work included medication safety reporting and incident reviews, quality and safety improvement initiatives and clinical audit.
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**Quality Assurance**
The Directorate supported HIQA’s unannounced thematic inspection against the National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare in the area of Nutrition and Hydration in October 2016 and a range of other external accreditation visits and inspections. The Directorate completed a review of the Hospital’s Quality and Safety Governance committees to enhance the impact of the committees’ work on the quality and safety of patient care. The Hospital participated in the following national clinical audits: the National Audit of Hospital Mortality; Major Trauma Audit and the National Registry of Hip Fractures.

Person-Centred Care
Person-centred care involves supporting therapeutic relationships between care providers, patients and other people who are significant to them in their lives, to deliver healthcare through an approach that is underpinned by the values of respect for people, the individual’s right to self-determination, mutual respect and understanding. The Directorate’s work in this area involved:
- Supporting the Patient Representative Group, which met eight times during the year,
- Enhancing Patient Information and Surveys through the work of a dedicated advisory group
- Convening an Accessibility Services Group to improve way-finding in the Hospital campus
- Responding to Patient Feedback including comments, compliments, complaints and concerns
- Supporting the Safetynet Pathway Partnership to improve the outcomes and experiences of homeless people.

In June 2016, the Hospital introduced the #hellomynameis campaign which encourages staff to introduce themselves to patients, families and colleagues. Approximately 3,500 staff requested #hellomynameis badges within six months, demonstrating their commitment to improving patients’ and families’ experiences of care.

**Quality Improvement**
St. James’s Hospital partnered with the Dartmouth Institute Microsystem Academy, New Hampshire, USA to deliver a quality improvement coach training programme, to build front-line improvement capability in the organisation. Twenty-two coaches were trained and eleven teams participated in the first wave of the programme.

**2017 objectives**
The QSID will be focusing on the following objectives:
- Supporting front-line staff in providing the safest possible patient care
- Enhancing risk management processes and organisational governance for patient safety and quality of care
- Sharing learning from clinical audit
- Increasing coach and team participation in the quality improvement programme
- Using patient feedback to improve patient and family experiences of care.

**3,500 BADGES**
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Summary
After a very busy 2016, the QSID looks forward to the next phases of its work in supporting staff in delivering safer patient care and improving the healthcare outcomes and experiences of the people who use the hospital’s services. The development of new roles supporting Clinical Audit and the sharing of Healthcare Information in 2016, will contribute to the delivery of evidence based care and outcomes measurement for improvement. The Directorate will continue to embed the National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare in the daily work of the organisation and to help support front-line improvement and quality assurance in the Hospital, to enhance the clinical outcomes and experiences of care of the patients we serve.
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Sinead Saab, Medical Scientist

Molecular Characterisation of Emergent GII.4 Sydney 2012 Norovirus between 2012-2014 in an Irish Tertiary Hospital.
Nicholas Fennelly, Medical Scientist

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**Turning The Heat Up A Notch In Biclonal Lymphoproliferative Disorders**

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Translational Research Projects
PhD study on “Molecular epidemiology and drug resistance in Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Ireland” - Emma Roycroft
- Epidemiological types of M. tuberculosis in Ireland
- WGS will be used to investigate resistance mutations among MDR-TB cases & clusters of M. tuberculosis isolates

MSc study on NTM isolates identified at the IMRL - Siobhan Crilly
- RGM & SGM
- Susceptibility testing/ MIC distribution
- Re-identification in some cases
- Resistance mutation detection

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Awards
Clinical Nutrition Department


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Reducing the Incidence of Pressure Ulcers in Patients presenting with Hip Fractures in the Emergency Department.
