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## **Appendix: Trauma Consultation Survey Template**

## **Your Opportunity to Have Your Say**

This process represents a formal consultation on the proposed draft Service Specifications, assessment criteria and process to designate the Central Trauma Network's Major Trauma Centre and Dublin Trauma Unit(s).

Please email your populated survey in addition to any supplementary files to trauma.consultation@hse.ie

Please note that the survey template overleaf is for use by organisations only and is not intended to be used by individuals to submit feedback. Individual feedback can be submitted using the online survey found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

The deadline for submissions is 5 p.m. on 14 February 2019.

The approach used in gathering feedback is in keeping with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's *Consultation Principles & Guidance*, published in 2016. These guidelines can be downloaded here.

Before you submit your response, please be aware that:

- Your submission may be published
- Your submission will be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Acts
- Personal identifying information contained in your submission will not be published, in accordance with the Data Protection Acts 1988, 2003 and 2018 and the Freedom of Information Act 2014
- Comments involving allegations of any kind against a named or otherwise identifiable person or organisation may be viewed as defamatory by the subject of the comments. By making a submission, you may be sued directly for any defamatory allegations in a submission and should avoid making such allegations
- Your submission may, in the interests of transparency, be published online.
   Should your submission not be published, you may have obligations under the Regulation of Lobbying Act to register the activity. You can check if you are lobbying <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

The following documents provide further information and supporting detail:

- Report of the Trauma Steering Group
- Public Consultation Document





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# Consultation on the Proposed Draft Service Specification, Identified Options and Assessment Criteria for the designation of the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network and the Trauma Unit(s) for Dublin

# **Survey Questions**



Please note that should you wish to append supplementary information in support of your submission this will be accepted. Please note that only documents submitted at the same time as the completed survey will be accepted.

#### A. Introduction

# A1. About you or your organisation / Programme:

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# B. Proposed Draft Service Specifications (Section 4) and Identified Options (Section 5)

#### B1. Please indicate your level of support for the following statement:

The proposed draft Service Specifications are broadly appropriate.

(Please tick one option)		
Fully support	Mostly support, with edits	Requires modification

### Please provide further detail as appropriate:

The Irish Medical Organisation (IMO) supports the implementation of a trauma system for Ireland in line with the proposal of the Trauma Steering Group and and is calling on the Government to

- (1) Fully resource the proposed network of Major Trauma Centres and Trauma Units. Funding must be ring-fenced and not diverted from other areas of the health service. In addition resources for the Major Trauma Centres must not be at the expense of smaller Trauma Units.
- (2) Resources must ensure that Major Trauma Centres and Trauma Units are fully staffed with suitably qualified medical specialists. The IMO is concerned that many of our hospitals are struggling to recruit and retain highly qualified medical staff and there are up to 500 consultant posts across the country that remain unfilled or filled on a temporary basis. It is widely recognised that the differential payscale imposed on new consultants since October 2012 acts as a major impediment to the recruitment and retention of consultants and measures must be taken immediately to reverse this if a trauma system for Ireland is to be realised. In addition the IMO is seeking the negotiation of new contracts for hospital doctors with competitive terms and conditions to attract highly qualified doctors to a career in the public health system. A renegotation of the consultant contract may be required to ensure 24-hour consultant delivery of care.
- (3) Given the vital importance of pre-hospital emergency care under the reconfiguration of trauma services, the IMO is calling on the Department of Health and the HSE to review the capacity of ambulance services, particularly in rural areas, to meet the requirements for pateints requiring trauma transfers. In addition



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the IMO is calling for the intoduction of primary legislation to strenghten the regulatory functions of the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council.

(4) The capacity needs of the entire health system need to be addressed given that currently 1,260 acute beds are required to restore beds occupancy to safe levels.



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# B2. In your opinion are there other areas which should be considered?

If 'yes' please comment:



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# B3. Please indicate your level of support for the following statement:

The identified options set out for the location of the Major Trauma Centre in this document are appropriate.

(Please tick one option)		
Fully support	Mostly support, with edits	Requires modification

Please provide further detail as appropriate

Given journey times a location in the west also needs to be considered.



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# B4. In your opinion are there other options that should be considered?

If 'yes' please comment:



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# C. Assessment Criteria and Weightings (Section 6)

# C1. Please indicate your level of support for the following statement:

The proposed assessment criteria for the designation of the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network are appropriate.

(Please tick one option)		
Fully support	Mostly support, with edits	Requires modification

Please provide further detail as appropriate:



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# C2. In your opinion are there other criteria which should be considered?

If 'yes' please comment:



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# C3. Please indicate your level of support for the following statement:

The associated weightings for the designation of the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network are appropriate.

(Please tick one option)				
Fully support	Mostly support, with edits	Requires modification		

Please provide further detail as appropriate:



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# **D. Other Comments**

D1. Please provide any other comments, evidence or information that you wish to share.

Click or tap here to enter text.

Thank you for completing this response