

Travel2Care Application Form A: Assessment and Investigation



The National Cancer Strategy – A Strategy for Cancer Control in Ireland – published in 2006, recommended that all major cancer treatment be delivered in eight designated specialist cancer centres and approved satellite centre. The HSE's National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) has responsibility for the implementation of the Strategy and this will involve overseeing the transfer of all major cancer diagnostic and surgical treatments to the designated centres.

Some people who are referred to a designated cancer centre may need help with the costs of travelling to their appointment(s). This is a fact recognised by the NCCP. As a result, the NCCP has agreed to fund a Travel2Care scheme that is managed separately by the Irish Cancer Society on behalf of the NCCP.

The aim of the scheme is to help you with some travel costs if you have genuine financial hardship or need due to travelling to a designated cancer centre or satellite centre. Travel2Care will provide **some** financial help towards the costs of public transport such as trains or buses, private transport costs; or petrol and parking.

Form A: Assessment and Investigations - Covers assessment and investigations only in the designated cancer centre and is filled out by you, the patient. If you are approved for travel to your appointment and require subsequent surgical treatment at the designated cancer centre, the provisions of the scheme will continue to apply provided that your circumstances have not changed.

You are eligible to apply for Travel2Care if:

- You are an Irish citizen or live permanently in Ireland.
- You have been referred by your GP to one of the eight designated cancer centres or satellite centre.
- You are living more than 30km/19 miles from the designated centre you have been referred to.
- You have not qualified for or cannot avail of other schemes, such as transport funded by the HSE or voluntary transport initiatives.

How to apply:

1. You or your carer should fill in this form (Form A) and send it to **Travel2Care, Irish Cancer Society, 43–45 Northumberland Road, Dublin 4. Tel: 01-2316619**. Incomplete, faxed or photocopied forms will **not** be accepted.
2. The staff at the designated cancer centre will confirm with the Irish Cancer Society when you have attended your appointment.
3. If your application is successful, the Irish Cancer Society will send you a cheque at the address given on this form.
4. If you need ongoing treatment, you can get more help by contacting the designated cancer centre or satellite centre.
5. **Your application must be current, i.e. relating to hospital appointments at present.**
6. If you have any queries in filling out the form please contact **Travel2Care, Tel: 01-2316619** for assistance.



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Irish Cancer Society,
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Irish Cancer Society

The mission of the Irish Cancer Society is to play a vital role in achieving world-class cancer services in Ireland, to ensure fewer people get cancer and those that do have better outcomes. Our goals are focused around prevention, survival and quality of life with three programme areas to achieve them; advocacy, cancer services and research.

Concerned about Cancer?

Diagnosed with Cancer?

Caring for someone with Cancer?

For advice, support and information, talk to a specialist nurse in confidence

National Cancer Helpline

Freephone: 1800 200 700

(Open Monday – Thurs 9am-7pm and Fridays 9am – 5pm)

Email: helpline@irishcancer.ie

Visit: www.cancer.ie



National Cancer Control Programme

The National Cancer Strategy - A Strategy for Cancer Control in Ireland- published in 2006, recommended that all major cancer treatment be delivered in designated specialist cancer centres and that these centres should be networked together in Managed Cancer Control Networks in 4 administrative regions, each serving a population of approximately 1million. A key objective of the Strategy is that each of the 4 regions will be self sufficient in relation to the services for the more common forms of cancer.

The HSE's National Cancer Control Programme has responsibility for the implementation of the Strategy. This will involve the transfer of all major cancer diagnostic and surgical treatments. The delivery of systemic therapy services (medical oncology/chemotherapy) will continue to be delivered at a number of agreed locations linked under protocol to the new centres. Patient support and palliative care services will also be provided at local level to ensure ease of access.

Designated Specialist Cancer Centres are located and networked within each of the four HSE administration regions. The following eight centres and satellite centre have been designated:

- **Beaumont Hospital**
- **Cork University Hospital**
- **Mid Western Regional Hospital Limerick**
- **St Vincent's University Hospital**
- **Mater Misericordiae Hospital**
- **St James's Hospital**
- **Galway University Hospital**
- **Waterford Regional Hospital**
- **Approved Satellite Centre: Letterkenny General Hospital**

Number:

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Applicant Information

Please ensure all sections are completed in BLOCK CAPITALS and returned to the Irish Cancer Society.
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PPS Number (form cannot be accepted without PPS No):

Name of Patient:

First Name

Last Name

Male

Female

Address:

Date of Birth:

Phone:

Indicate which designated cancer centre you have been referred to:

Beaumont Hospital

Cork University Hospital

Mid Western Regional Hospital, Limerick

St. Vincent's University Hospital

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital

St. James' Hospital

Galway University College Hospital

Waterford Regional Hospital

Letterkenny General Hospital (Satellite Centre)

Referring Doctor:

Address:

Doctor's Contact No:

Indicate the name of the clinic (e.g. breast) you are attending:

Appointment date (if known):

Medical card holder: Yes:

No:

If yes, give medical card number and expiry date:

Card No.

Expiry Date

If no, please briefly outline any financial hardship or need you have in meeting the costs of travelling to a designated cancer centre:

Means of Transport:

Public:

Total Ticket Costs (Return): €

Private:

Total Costs (Petrol & parking): €

Consent of Patient or Next of Kin:

I understand and agree that I expressly consent to, the personal and medical information requested by Irish Cancer Society and the NCCP and provided about me on this form will be used for Travel2Care administration, auditing and research purposes only. This information will not be passed to any third parties without prior written consent.

I believe the facts stated in this form to be true.

Name:

Signature:

Applicant **Next of kin** **Carer**

Payment Details:

Payment will be made by cheque in **your name** unless otherwise stated.

Do you have an account in a bank, post office or credit union?

Yes **No**

If you do **not** have an account please give alternative payee's name:

A cheque will be sent to you, the applicant at the address given on this form.

Completed application forms should be returned to:
Travel2Care, Irish Cancer Society, 43-45 Northumberland Rd, Dublin 4
For any queries please contact: **Travel2Care, 01-2316619**

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Date received: Approved by: Cheque amount:

Cheque made payable to: Date: