

## **Cork Cleft Service**

The Cork Cleft Service delivers integrated care with a Multi-Disciplinary Team that serves the varied needs of children with clefts in the Cork and Munster area. This service is based at Cork University Hospital but it is linked into community services – in terms of speech therapy, orthodontics and dentistry.

The aim of this service, is to provide a seamless pathway of care for all patients, tailored to their need. A team has been established since the '70's, ( although many of the members have changed), which includes specialists from many disciplines, who work together to provide this service.

With the exception of a small number of very complex cases, the Cork Cleft Service deals with the full spectrum of cleft lip, and palate cases – as well as other conditions, such as Pierre Robin syndrome and velo cardio facial syndrome, which can impact on feeding, speech, dentition.

The unit has the advantage of easy access to clinics and excellent ward and theatre capacity with little delay in the timing of surgery and other treatments.

### Team members

- **Ms Tricia Diamond** Group Senior Speech and language Therapist
- **Mr Eoin O'Broin** Cleft Surgeon
- **Ms Claire Mansfield** Speech and language Therapist
- **Prof Duncan Sleeman** Maxillofacial Surgeon
- **David Hegarty** Orthodontists
- **Fiona Graham** Paediatric Dentist
- **Mr Peter O Sullivan** ENT surgeon
- **Prof Declan Millett** Co-ordinator clinical research

Neonatologist & Paediatrician , Dept of anaesthesia  
+/- Clinical Nutrition & Dietician, Other Acute/PCCC services  
Clinical Photographer, University College Cork,  
Parents/Carers & Patients, CLP Parent Support