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National Network of Centres of Expertise (CSUR)

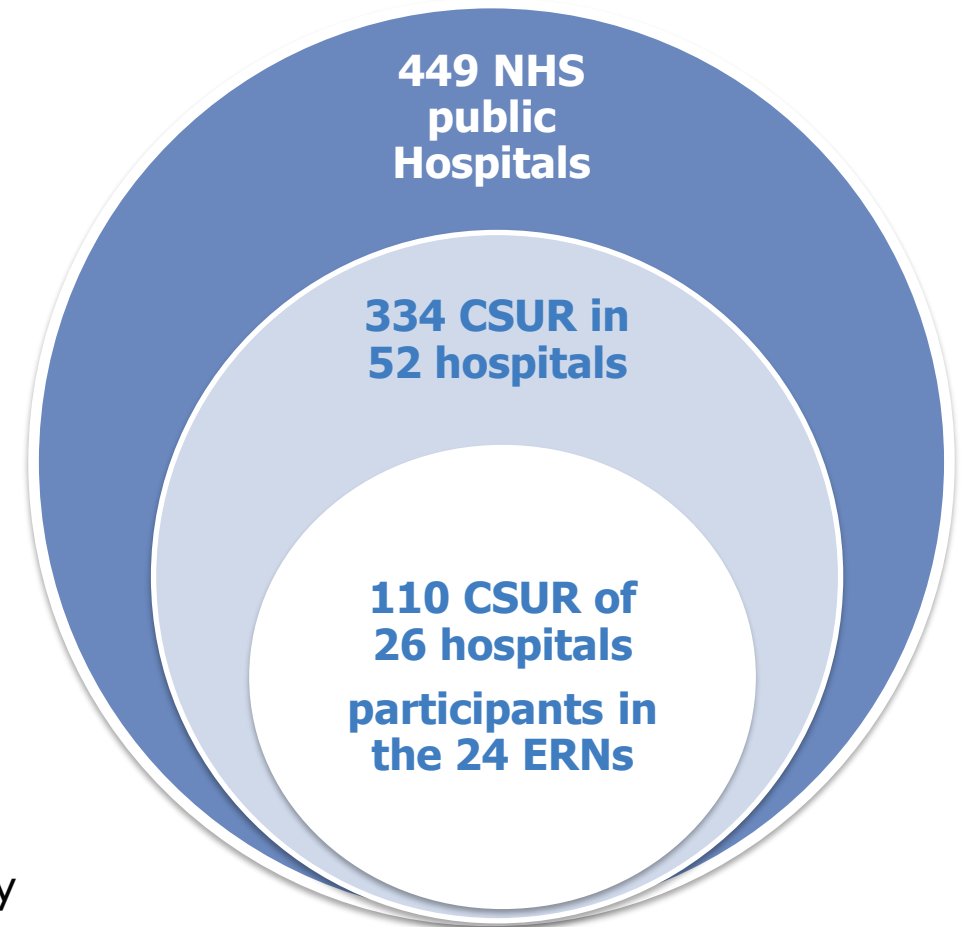
National Healthcare System

CSUR Model: Centres, Services and Units of Reference



What does the CSUR model intend?

- Improve the care of low-prevalence and complex pathologies
- Improve equity in access to high-level specialised services
- Concentrate expertise ensuring quality, safety and efficient healthcare



Building blocks of the CSUR model

1. **Designation Procedure & designation criteria:**

- Expertise: activity, research, teaching, training
- Resources
- Quality and patient safety

2. **Prioritization of disease/thematic areas & Specific list of diseases/procedures**

- high specialisation / high technology
- Low prevalence
- NHS basket of benefits

3. **Technical support: Accreditation procedure (on-site audit) & Re-designation procedure**

- Expert Groups, > 500 professionals from Autonomous Communities, Scientific Societies, Patient Associations and National Agency HTA

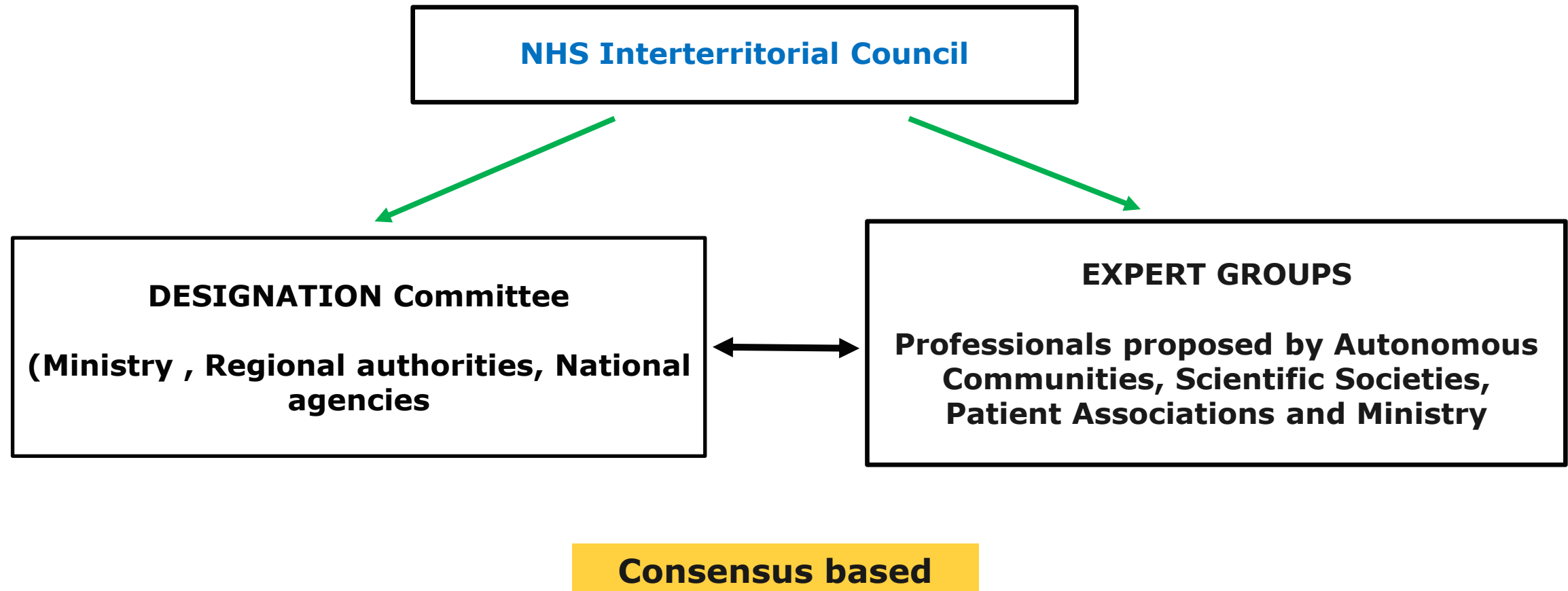
4. **Information System: annual monitoring**

5. **Financing model**

CSUR system: Goals

- Ensure **mobility** of the **knowledge** or of **the patient**
- Ensure **equal access** and **universal coverage**
- **Functional network** of CSURs and **effective patient and pathways and referral** model at national level
- **Integration** of CSURs into the ERNs system and **effective virtual referrals**
- **Physical referral** to other members of **the ERNs** based on needs analysis
- Align the **clinical referral criteria** with the **cross-border reimbursement and referral tools** (Regulation 883)
- Ensure the **sustainability of the project**: adjust funding model and resource allocation
- Increase **awareness & visibility**: outreach efforts by all players (MS, Autonomous Communities, Professionals, Scientific Societies, Patients associations)

Selection of diseases, approval of criteria and designation of CSUR



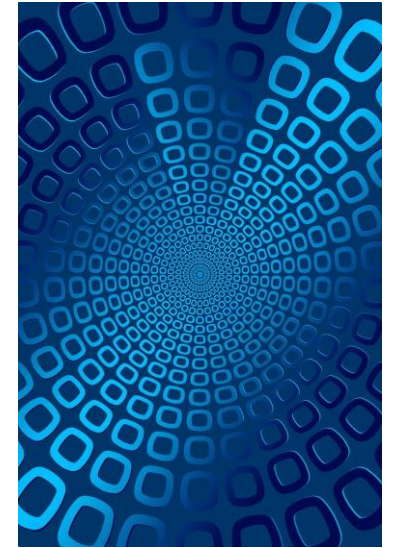
FINANCIAL MODEL

- General budget: CSUR are part of the public NHS structure and are 100% financed by the State and the Regions
- Finance of Referrals of patients across Regions through a specific national fund (SIFCO) that covers 80% of the cost
- Three different “prices” based on intensity / complexity of care

Prices and Costs year 2022 (estimate)			
Type of service	Service unit price	Number of services	Cost
Teleconsultation	150 €	38.794	5.800K
Virtual referral to ERN	150 €		
Ambulatory Care	150 €		
In-hospital Care	Based on Diagnosis Related Groups (DRG)	3.375	43.500K
Total Cost			49.300K
Cost financed by the national fund (80%)			39.400K

CSUR Tools

- **Procedure of referral of patients** to CSUR of the NHS
- **Procedure of referral of clinical cases to ERNs**, through CSUR of the NHS participating in ERNs. Since 1-1-2022
- **Information system** (IS)
 - Financial and activity: If from the Cohesion Fund (SIFCO)
 - Ad-hoc IS: performance of the CSURs
- **Dissemination of the project** (Web MS)
- **Digital platform: clinical tools and project management** (CSUR-Web Application)



CSUR system Digital Platform

❖ Digital integration of:

- ✓ The national network of CSURs
- ✓ Healthcare facilities of the Spanish NHS (hospitals and primary care)
- ✓ The 24 ERNs

❖ Patient care tools

- ✓ panels and multidisciplinary clinical sessions
- ✓ Teleconsultation with professionals and patients

❖ Interoperable solutions to connect Electronic Health Records

❖ Interconnection with the ERNs CPMS

❖ Clinical and administrative databases

❖ Knowledge and clinical tools repository (protocols, clinical guidelines, consensus documents,...)

Users: Health care providers, health professionals, patients and families

Piloting: 2nd semester 2024

**Thanks for your
attention**

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