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Grant/Fellowship Report Form

Fellowship/Grant Holder Name	Mr Gregory Nason
Brief biography, including qualification and year of graduation (no more than 100 words)	2009- BA MB BCh BAO (Hons TCD)- Trinity College Dublin 2014- MSc in Human Factors and Patient Safety, RCSI 2017- FRCS Urol. 2018- Fellowship of European Board of Urology 2020- Society of Urologic Oncology Fellowship, University of Toronto 2021- Fellowship in Robotic Pelvic Oncology, Royal Surrey, UK
Title of Project/Fellowship	Fellowship in Robotic Pelvic Oncology, Royal Surrey, UK
Year of Award: Commencement Date: Conclusion Date:	2020 July 2020 June 2021

Grant Report (in the region of but no more than 500 words)

Objectives of Project/Fellowship:

1. Independent robotic pelvic oncologist
2. Ability to set up a robotic cystectomy service
3. Observation of NHS referral pathways and structures

Did you achieve these objectives?

Yes- I am due to take up my Consultant post in the Mater this coming July. I have confidence in offering patients with prostate and bladder cancer robotic surgery. The main goal of this fellowship for me was to be able to establish a robotic cystectomy program in Ireland. To date, cystectomy is offered via the open approach with a morbid 14 day length of stay. Robotic cystectomy improves this to less than 7 days. I hope to bring two of my UK mentors across to proctor the initial phases of the program in Ireland.

In your opinion, what is the value of your award to:

(a) Yourself

In the simplest form, the grant provided me with financial support which was essential in moving myself and my family to the UK. Fellowships are an expensive endeavour yet very fulfilling both personally and professional. The support of the RCSI certainly eased the early transition to life abroad.

The fellowship has broadened my skills and confidence to practice as a consultant. It enhanced my training in Ireland and Canada and proved to me that we are training young surgeons to a high standard in Ireland. Irish fellows are coveted abroad as we have good clinical skills and have a degree of maturity to run clinics and operative lists.

(b) The institution in which you worked

I am the first Irish fellow to come to the Royal Surrey. The fellowship benefits hugely from international fellows. Firstly- fellows are the backbone of the clinics. Fellows see the vast majority of patients in outpatient clinics. Secondly, fellows are part of the network wide on-call rota. Finally, the fellowship appreciates an international perspective- every health service is different and international fellows bring a new flavour to the program.

I also hoped to develop a fellowship link here which could be utilised for future Irish urology trainees. Two Irish trainees have expressed interest to the fellowship director here for future years.

(c) In the future for Irish patients

My goal has always been to return to Ireland and practice as a Urologic Oncologist. I am now in the position to offer care to Irish patients from diagnosis through their cancer journey. I believe I will be able to offer complex oncological care to Irish patients and will participate in the training of future Irish urologists. I also hope to be able to introduce a robotic cystectomy program when I take up post in the Mater this July.