

**Oversight Group for the Implementation of Recommendations in the HIQA
Investigation Report on Portlaoise Hospital
10th Meeting – Thursday 7th April, 2016**

Report of Meeting

Present

Dr Tony Holohan (Chair)	Chief Medical Officer
Dr Kathleen Mac Lellan	Director of Patient Safety and Clinical Effectiveness
Emma Bradley	Acute Hospitals Division
Sheila O'Connor	Patient Focus

Apologies

Tracey Conroy	Assistant Secretary, Acute Hospitals Division
Dr Siobhan O'Halloran	Chief Nursing Officer

In Attendance

Liam Woods	Acute Hospitals Division, HSE
Angela Fitzgerald	Acute Hospitals Division, HSE
Eileen Ruddin	Acute Hospitals Division, HSE
Dr Susan O'Reilly	CEO, Dublin and Midlands Hospital Group

Admin Support

Paula Monks	Clinical Effectiveness Unit
David Keating	Patient Safety Unit

1. The minutes of the meeting on 23rd February 2016 were agreed.
2. The 6th Report from the Oversight Group covering the period to 31st January, 2016 was submitted to the Minister on 3rd March. This report was circulated to the Group.
3. The Oversight Group reviewed the Implementation Plan Report No 7 which covered the period to 29th February 2016. The Group concentrated on and discussed those actions that were indicating a “minor challenge” to being delivered by the target date or had passed their target date.
4. The new Milestones proposed for the February report in relation to (a) follow up with families to assure that they have been provided with any additional supports required and (b) a Family Report were considered once again. It was agreed that in order to progress these issues a further meeting would be convened between the Hospital Group CEO, the obstetricians involved in the review process and Patient Focus to examine the feasibility of facilitating the desire of those families who wish to receive a written report into their individual cases, where appropriate. In addition, the meeting will further consider an appropriate mechanism for assurance that patients have been provided with any additional requirements they may have. The Department of Health will also attend this meeting. Dr Susan O'Reilly committed to

providing a high level summary overview of numbers and pathways for families involved in the review process.

5. Additional milestone detail to be provided regarding specific actions including posts to be included for 7.13b *'Build hospital and hospital group capacity to establish effective quality and safety structures and processes and to identify gaps and weaknesses'*.
6. As the Group is nearing the end of its anticipated lifespan, the need to reflect on how to draw the process to an appropriate close was flagged. This should take into consideration the recommendations completed and those recommendations that can be included in mainstream processes going forward.
7. The next meeting will take place towards the end of April, the precise date to be determined.

David Keating
Patient Safety Unit
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