

Oversight Group for the Implementation of Recommendations in the HIQA Investigation Report on Portlaoise Hospital

2nd Meeting – Wednesday 17th June, 2015 – Hawkins House

Report of Meeting

Present: Dr Tony Holohan, (Chair) Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health
Tracey Conroy, Assistant Secretary, Acute Hospitals Division, D/Health
Dr Siobhan O’Halloran, Chief Nursing Officer, Department of Health
Dr Eibhlin Connolly, Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Patient Safety Unit,
Department of Health
Cathriona Molloy and Sheila O’Connor, Patient Focus
Fergal Collins, Office of the Chief Nursing Officer, D/Health

Apologies: Joan Regan, Principal Officer, Acute Hospitals Division, D/Health

Admin Support: Robbie Breen, Patient Safety Unit, Department of Health

1. The summary report of the first meeting on 4th June was agreed.
2. The following was agreed.

Scope and Project Plan

- (i) T. Conroy will provide a list of high level actions derived from the HSE’s Diagnostic Report on Portlaoise Hospital whose implementation will be monitored by the Oversight Group.
- (ii) Dr O’Halloran will identify 4 or 5 actions from the CMO’s Report on Portlaoise Perinatal Deaths whose implementation will be monitored by the Oversight Group.
- (iii) With regard to the Project Plan:
 - Dr Connolly will provide tasks, milestones and timelines for the project to establish a National Patient Advocacy Service to Fergal Collins.
 - T Conroy will provide milestones and timelines for Recommendations 3 and 4 to Fergal Collins.
- (iv) Progress reports from the Oversight Group should be published on the Department’s website when available.

HSE's Implementation Plan

- (v) The Department will follow up with the HSE on the weekly report promised each Tuesday by the HSE on progress being achieved on the actions promised in the Director General's letter to the Minister dated 21st May, 2015.
- (vi) Dr Holohan to consult with Dr Susan O'Reilly about the supports that can be provided to patients, beyond what is planned at local level, who will receive the results of Dr Peter Boylan's review of their medical charts shortly. Dr Holohan will inform Patient Focus of the outcome of his discussion with Dr O'Reilly.
- (vii) Members of the Group should revert to R Breen with any suggested amendments or additions to the draft letter to Mr Patrick Lynch, HSE, on the Oversight Group's reporting requirements from the HSE on monitoring implementation of the HIQA recommendations.

Follow-up with HIQA

- (viii) The Department will write to HIQA seeking follow-up visits by HIQA to monitor progress at Portlaoise Hospital in Sept/Oct 2015 and Mar/Apr 2016.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting was arranged for Friday 3rd July at 11am.

Robbie Breen
Patient Safety and Quality Unit
25th June, 2015