

## **1. Runáí Aire**

### **Note for the Minister's Information**

#### **Tenth Report from the Oversight Group for the Implementation of Recommendations in the HIQA Investigation Report on Portlaoise Hospital**

1. This is the tenth report from the Oversight Group to the Minister on the progress being achieved in the implementation of the HIQA recommendations. The report covers progress made for the period up to 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016 which was discussed at the Oversight Group meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> of July, 2016. The Implementation Plan shows a large number of actions completed and a large proportion on track for implementation by the timeline set. There are minor challenges in relation to some actions. These challenges are largely due to timing issues where the action is being progressed but it has missed the project completion date.
2. Publication of the monthly Maternity Patient Safety Statements (MPSS) by the HSE commenced earlier this year, and Statements for all 19 maternity units are now available on the HSE's website for each month for the period December 2015-April 2016. The need for all metrics to be included in the Statements was again underlined to the HSE, as for a short period some hospitals were publishing abbreviated versions of the MPSS and one hospital appears to be continuing to do so.
3. Broadly speaking, the Department is satisfied with the implementation of the recommendations by the HSE. However, the Department continues to be actively engaged to ensure appropriate follow up of families by the Dublin-Midlands Hospital Group. An additional meeting between the Department, the Hospital Group CEO, the obstetricians involved in the review process and Patient Focus was held in April 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 considered an appropriate mechanism for assurance that patients have been provided with any additional requirements they may have. A further meeting of a smaller group took place on 13<sup>th</sup> of July to re-examine these issues, and made positive progress. That formation will meet again to consider the situation in September.
4. It was originally envisaged that the Group would complete its work by June 2016, however that has not proven possible. It has been agreed that a further meeting will take place in September. In advance of that, the Department will prepare a report examining the status of the Implementation Plan in order to inform considerations of when and how to bring the process to a close.
5. A copy of the Oversight Group's Implementation Plan to 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 2016 will be placed on the Department's website in the coming days.

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