

## **1. Runaí Aire**

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

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

1. This is the eighth 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 over two months for the period up to 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 which was discussed at the Oversight Group meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> of May, 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 in the period December 2015-March 2016.
3. Broadly speaking, the Department is satisfied with the implementation of the recommendations by the HSE. However, the Department remains concerned regarding the 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. Work is continuing to resolve this outstanding matter.
4. The Department also has concerns relating to the start date for publication of the Hospital Patient Safety Statements.
5. It was noted that HIQA, following a request from the Oversight Group, had commenced a follow-up review of Portlaoise Hospital to provide external assurance in relation to implementation of the HIQA Recommendations.
4. A copy of the Oversight Group's Implementation Plan to 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2016 will be placed on the Department's website in the coming days.

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