

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

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

1. This is the seventh 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 to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 which was discussed at the Oversight Group meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 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 the MPSS for December 2015 has now been supplemented by the January data. All 19 maternity units have reported for both months, with the reports available on the HSE's website.
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. It has been necessary to request an additional meeting 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.
4. The next meeting of the Oversight Group will also look at how the oversight process can be drawn to a conclusion, with many of the recommendations completed and others that will be mainstreamed into existing areas of work.
4. A copy of the Oversight Group's Implementation Plan to 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016 will be placed on the Department's website in the coming days.

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12<sup>th</sup> April, 2016***