

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

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

1. This is the sixth 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 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 which was discussed at the Oversight Group meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 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 has commenced. The MPSS for December 2015 for all 19 maternity units are now on the HSE's website. The agreed reporting template can be added to incrementally over time. The Oversight Group is pleased with the commencement of publication of the MPSS. The regular publication of the MPSS by each maternity unit is a significant achievement in terms of openness and transparency and is an important step in terms of improving patient safety.
3. Additional actions and milestones have been agreed by the Oversight Group to monitor progress on two specific areas.

#### **(a) Case Reviews and Support for Families**

The intention is to monitor the progress by the HSE in completing the review of cases and in preparing a summary report on the outcome of the reviews. Families will be provided with a written report of their reviews where appropriate. Families will also be asked for their views on the process and for any additional requirements they might have.

#### **(b) Building Patient Safety Capacity**

The Oversight Group will monitor the HSE's progress in working with hospitals and hospital groups to build quality and patient safety structures and processes. In addition, the Oversight Group will monitor the deployment of the additional resources for patient safety and quality in the HSE's Service Plan 2016 to ensure that a quality and safety operating model is in place in all hospitals.

These new milestones will be included in the Report for the period ended 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

4. A copy of the Oversight Group's Implementation Plan to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2016 will be placed on the Department's website in the coming days.

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