

Note for the Minister's Information

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

1. The HIQA Investigation Report on Portlaoise Hospital called for the establishment of an oversight group to oversee the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Report. The Minister approved the establishment of an Oversight Group.
2. This is the third 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 two month period 1st September to 31st October, 2015. To date the Oversight Group has met on six occasions and the Group's overall assessment is that the HSE is making a significant effort at local and national management levels to work towards implementation of the HIQA Portlaoise recommendations.
3. The Oversight Group continues to monitor the agreed Implementation Plan on a monthly basis which shows the progress of implementation of each of the eight HIQA recommendations contained in the HIQA Portlaoise Report. The attached Implementation Plan for the period to 31st October, 2015 shows the actions, milestones, timelines and status of implementation of the plan.
4. 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 of 30th September. These are regarded as minor challenges where the action will be completed but slightly delayed. A list of the "minor challenges" is attached at *Appendix A* with an explanation for each.
5. A copy of the Implementation Plan to 31st October, 2015 will be placed on the Department's website in the coming days.

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Appendix A

Implementation Plan for Portlaoise Oversight Group to 31st October, 2015

Reported Minor Challenges

Action	Milestone	Due Date	Explanation
Establish a Patient Advocacy Service	Option Appraisal paper developed	30/09/2015	This project is delayed as it is a key action for the new National Patient Safety Office within the Department of Health which only received Government approval on 10 th November, 2015.
	Consultation process with key stakeholders completed	30/09/2015	
	Short consultation process completed	31/10/2015	
Develop a National Maternity Strategy	Working Group Report submitted to Minister	31/10/2015	The Steering Group has met on 8 occasions and has tentatively agreed a model of care. The draft Strategy will be circulated to the Group in late November. The final meeting is scheduled for 2nd December 2015.
Establish Hospital Groups and establish legal framework	All Hospital Group Boards established within agreed legal framework	30/09/2015	The Board members with core competencies to be appointed within the next couple of weeks, with outstanding Board appointments to be made before the end of the year.
	The Department has developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which will be finalised and agreed once the Boards have been appointed	30/09/2015	The Department has developed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which will be finalised and agreed once the Boards have been appointed.
Appoint directors of midwifery or equivalent.	Advertise directors of midwifery posts.	30/09/2015	Significant on-going engagement is taking place with key stakeholder groups regarding banding and reporting arrangements. The process is expected to conclude shortly, with advertisement expecting to occur thereafter.
Obstetric networks to be established in dialogue with the new National	Complete birth rate plus workforce analysis.	30/09/2015	Final report with key stakeholders for feedback by 3 rd November. Sign off meeting scheduled

Women and Infants Programme Office and informed by the National Clinical Programmes.			for 11 November.
Patient Safety Statements Development and implementation of monthly Patient Safety Statement reporting and publication for Maternity and general Hospital services. Statements to be signed off by governance management teams and at board level. .	Implement reporting of monthly maternity metrics patient safety statements.	30/09/2015	Review of DRAFT data submitted from all 19 maternity units has been undertaken by HSE Implementation subgroup, data clarifications and contextual analysis is being progressed prior to publication. A communications plan is being developed to support the publication (Meeting scheduled with 3 Masters of Dublin Maternity Units for 13 November).
	Develop content/ metrics of Hospital Patient Safety Statements in consultation with Acute Hospitals Division & Clinical Programmes.	30/09/2015	Working group established and second meeting held. Review of international literature and a range of potential elements and metrics are under consideration. A statement will also be informed from learnings arising from the development of the MPSS.