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**QUALITY**
- Shorten length of stay
- Improve access to elective surgery admission
- Standardise care pathway models
- Audit clinical and process outcomes

**COST**
- Reduce to patients
- Reduce bed stay costs
- Improve unit cost of treatment
- Reduce NTPF referrals
- Optimise operating theatre resource

**ACCESS**
- Reduce waiting times
- Abolish cancellations
- Optimise AvLOS
- Reduce re-admission rates
- Improve access to Theatre

**QUESTION?**
How can we improve the patient journey along the elective surgery pathway?

**Programme Lead**

**Professor Paul Redmond**

**AIM**
To standardise Best Practice across elective Surgery

**HOW**
By providing guidelines in the following:
- Day Case Surgery
- Pre-admission Assessment Clinics
- Day of surgery Admissions
- Discharge planning

**TIME**
February 2011

**Programme Lead**

**Mr Declan Magee**

**AIM**
To provide a well organised theatre journey.

**Team performance staff wellbeing**
Safety & reliability of care
Value & Efficiency
Patients experience & outcomes

**HOW**
TPOT Training course
(The Productive Operating Theatre)
5 pilot sites selected Letterkenny, AMNCH, CUH, Beaumont, St. Lukes

**TIME**
Phased Rollout 2011

**Programme Lead**

**Mr Joe Duignan**

**AIM**
To shorten length of stay

**HOW**
Defining categories of admissions
Setting Elective and day surgery targets
Engaging specialties and agreeing targets

**TIME**
Phased Rollout 2011

**Audit**

**Programme Lead**

**Mr Ken Mealy**

**AIM**
To monitor outcomes around these 4 areas:
Clinical Outcomes KPI’s
Process Excellence KPI’s
Mortality Audit
Joint Register

**HOW**
Through HSE Casemix & the development of the Audit

**TIME**
Phased Rollout 2011