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Deputy Stephen Donnelly, TD
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 52269/19: To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in the implementation of the 45 recommendations of the trauma steering group in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Following the publication of the report of the Trauma Steering Group; A Trauma System for Ireland, in February 2018, the Minister for Health asked the HSE to progress the implementation of four immediate actions from the report. An interim implementation group, the Trauma Review Implementation Group, was set up in April 2018 and the four immediate actions were progressed.

The status of implementation for the four immediate actions is set out in the attached schedule.

I trust this information is of assistance to you, however, should you require any further details please contact the undersigned.

Yours Sincerely,


John Hennessy
National Director
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Recommendation		Immediate Actions	Status of implementation
12	The National Ambulance Service will develop triage and bypass protocols, in line with National Clinical Effectiveness Committee Standards for Clinical Practice Guidance.	Orthopaedic bypass protocols,	<p>The National Ambulance Service developed orthopaedic (neck of femur and orthopaedic trauma) bypass protocols.</p> <p>Following the conclusion of a pilot by the National Ambulance Service in May 2019, bypass protocols for trauma and orthopaedics are now in place for the Naas catchment area.</p>
8	The Department of Health and the HSE should invite Hospital Groups in the Dublin region to submit proposals nominating hospitals to be considered for designation as the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network	Selection of Major Trauma Centre for Dublin,	A framework has been developed for the designation of the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network, and a public consultation undertaken. The decision process is now underway and is well advanced.
36	The HSE should appoint a National Clinical Lead for Trauma Services reporting to the proposed new Chief Clinical Officer once appointed, and the National Director of Acute Hospital Services in the meantime, to lead a National Office for Trauma Services and manage the implementation and oversight of the Trauma System	Recruitment of National Clinical Lead	<p>Mr Keith Synnott was appointed as National Clinical Lead for Trauma Services in July 2019 and leads the National Office for Trauma Services.</p> <p>Two staff members have been appointed to support the National Clinical Lead and to set up the National Office for Trauma Services.</p>
44	An interim HSE implementation group, to include representation from the Department of Health, should be formed immediately following the adoption of the report to commence the four immediate actions within the first three months of implementation, and to ensure a seamless transfer of responsibility to the National Clinical Lead for Trauma Services, once appointed, and the National Office for Trauma Services	Detailed implementation planning	<p>The development of a high-level plan for the multiannual implementation of the Trauma System and the remaining recommendations of the Report of the Trauma Steering Group is being progressed.</p> <p>The Trauma Review Implementation Group approved the approach to implementing the trauma system as set out in the high level implementation plan. Furthered detailed planning for the implementation of the trauma system will now commence.</p>