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Deputy Stephen Donnelly,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
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PQ 30405/19 - 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,

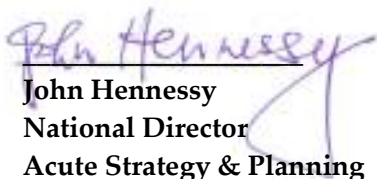
The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for response.

Following the publication of the report *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. The Trauma Review Implementation Group was set up in April 2018 and the four immediate actions were progressed. The status of the implementation of these four key actions is set out in the attached schedule.

You will note that the National Clinical Lead for Trauma Services was recently announced and Mr Keith Synnott has taken up duty from the 1st July 2019. This appointment is a key enabler to the implementation of the remaining recommendations of the Trauma Review and the Implementation Plan for same is currently being prepared.

I trust the above 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. The bypass protocols are in place on a pilot basis for the Naas catchment area.</p> <p>The Implementation Group will review a report of the pilot and recommendations will be developed.</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	<p>The Implementation Group oversaw the development of a framework for the designation of the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network including service specifications, options and assessment criteria and associated weightings. A public consultation on the framework was held between December 2018 and February 2019 and a final framework was approved by the Implementation Group in April 2019. The framework was noted by the Minister and on 27 May, the HSE was asked to proceed with the designation.</p> <p>The Implementation Group agreed to include the number and designation of the Dublin Trauma Units as part of the process for designating the Major Trauma Centre.</p> <p>Following an expressions of interest for suitably qualified and experienced clinicians to join an Independent Assessment Panel, three appointments from outside the HSE were made to the Panel. In addition, three nominations were made from within the Irish health service to the Panel; one nomination was made from the National Clinical Programmes, one from Hospital Groups CEOs and one from Hospital Groups Clinical Directors.</p> <p>On 21 June, the Dublin Hospital Groups were asked to complete submissions for each of the two Dublin hospitals within their Group. Submissions are due by the 2nd August 2019.</p> <p>Following review of the Hospital submissions and other relevant data previously shared with the Hospitals, the Independent Assessment Panel will commence site visits to the six Dublin hospitals on 19 August.</p>

			<p>On completion of its deliberations, the Independent Assessment Panel will provide advice to the Trauma Review Implementation Group and the HSE on the hospitals to be designated as the Major Trauma Centre for the Central Trauma Network and the Dublin Trauma Unit(s). Following consideration of the advice of the Panel, the HSE will make a recommendation to the Department of Health.</p>
36	<p>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</p>	<p>Recruitment of National Clinical Lead</p>	<p>The National Clinical Lead for Trauma Services, Mr Keith Synnott, commenced in post on 1 July 2019.</p> <p>One staff member has been appointed to support the National Clinical Lead and to set up the National Office for Trauma Services. A further staff member is due to be appointed in the coming months.</p> <p>The National Clinical Lead will commence detailed implementation planning following handover from the Implementation Group and the implementation of governance structures for the programme.</p>
44	<p>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</p>	<p>Detailed implementation planning</p>	<p>The first meeting of the Trauma Review Implementation Group was held on 12 April 2018. There is Department of Health representation on this group.</p> <p>The Implementation Group oversaw the appointment of the National Clinical Lead for Trauma Services and the setting up of the National Office for Trauma Services to support the National Clinical Lead.</p> <p>The Implementation Group oversaw the development of the process for the designation of the Major Trauma Centre and Dublin Trauma Unit(s).</p> <p>The Implementation Group oversaw the implementation, on a pilot basis, of the joint hip fracture and orthopaedic bypass protocol for the Naas catchment area.</p> <p>The Implementation Group is to approve a high level implementation plan as a process for ensuing handover to the National Clinical Lead.</p>