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Deputy Stephen Donnelly TD  
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Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 33454/19**

**To ask the Minister for Health the acute hospitals implementing the requirements for screening of patients with CPE guidelines in tabular form**

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The acute hospitals report on local implementation of the HSE "Requirements for screening of patients with CPE" guidelines by confirming that key elements of the policy are implemented by replying to the following questions:

- Have " Requirements for screening of patients with CPE" guidelines been circulated to appropriate staff in the hospital?
- Does the hospital have a system in place for identifying patients requiring screening for CPE on admission?
- "Does hospital policy determine that the following patients should be screened for CPE as per guideline above:
  - All contacts of a patient with CPE. Where patients have been discharged, their record should be marked to ensure screening on next admission.
  - All admissions to critical care areas (Intensive Care Units, High Dependency Units), on admission and weekly thereafter.
  - All admissions to haematology and transplant wards on admission and weekly thereafter.
  - All patients who have received cancer chemotherapy in the previous 12 months.
  - All patients who were transferred from any other hospital in Ireland or elsewhere.
  - All patients who have been inpatients in any hospital in Ireland or elsewhere any time in the previous twelve months. Any hospital

- includes previous admissions to the hospital to which they are now being admitted.
- Renal dialysis patients at first dialysis in a unit, periodically during dialysis treatment (at intervals of not less than six months), and on return from dialysis elsewhere.
  - All patients who normally reside in a long term care facility.
- Does the hospital have a process in place for identifying CPE contacts on re-admission?
  - Does the Infection Prevention & Control/ Antimicrobial Stewardship team review the effectiveness of local policy, implementation of guidelines above and review associated data on a monthly basis?
  - Is the information returned to BIU regarding implementation of this guideline reported to the hospital CEO or Senior Manager?

If hospitals confirm in the affirmative for **every** question above it is considered that they are fully implementing the policy. Some hospitals are still working on processes which will allow them to answer yes to **all** questions above and at this time these hospitals currently report partial implementation. At end June 2019 70.2% of hospitals were reporting full implementation of the above policy. Please see attached for details by hospital.

I trust this answers your question to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,



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**% of Acute Hospitals implementing the " Requirements for screening of patients with CPE" guidelines**

**2019 Quarter 2 (Apr - Jun)**

Provider	Implementation update
Children's Health Ireland	Partial Implementation
Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital	Full implementation
MRH Portlaoise	Full implementation
MRH Tullamore	Full implementation
Naas General Hospital	Partial Implementation
St. James's Hospital	Full implementation
St. Luke's Radiation Oncology Network	Full implementation
Tallaght University Hospital	Full Implementation
Cappagh National Orthopaedic Hospital	Partial Implementation
Mater Misericordiae University Hospital	Partial Implementation
MRH Mullingar	Partial Implementation
National Maternity Hospital	Partial Implementation
Our Lady's Hospital Navan	Partial Implementation
Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital	Full implementation
St. Columcille's Hospital	Full implementation
St Luke's General Hospital Kilkenny	Full implementation
St. Michael's Hospital	Full implementation
St. Vincent's University Hospital	Full implementation
Wexford General Hospital	Full implementation
Beaumont Hospital	Partial Implementation
Cavan General Hospital	Partial Implementation
Connolly Hospital	Full implementation
Louth County Hospital	Full implementation
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital	Full implementation
Rotunda Hospital	Full implementation
Galway University Hospitals	Full implementation
Letterkenny University Hospital	Full implementation
Mayo University Hospital	Partial Implementation
Portiuncula University Hospital	Partial Implementation
Roscommon University Hospital	Full implementation
Sligo University Hospital	Partial Implementation
Bantry General Hospital	Full implementation
Cork University Hospital	Full implementation
Cork Maternity Hospital	Full implementation
Lourdes Orthopaedic Hospital Kilcreene	Full implementation
Mallow General Hospital	Partial Implementation
Mercy University Hospital	Full implementation
South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital	Full implementation
South Tipperary General Hospital	Full implementation
UH Kerry	Full implementation
UH Waterford	Partial Implementation
Croom Orthopaedic Hospital	Full implementation
Ennis Hospital	Full implementation
Nenagh Hospital	Full implementation
St. John's Hospital Limerick	Full implementation
UH Limerick	Full implementation
UMH Limerick	Full implementation

