**Notes & Actions – ED Taskforce Implementation Oversight Group Meeting**

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| Date:  Time:  Venue:  Chaired by: | Tuesday 15th January 2019  3.00pm – 4.30pm  Boardroom 2, Dargan Building  Mr Liam Woods, Deputy Director General Operations  Ms. Phil Ni Sheaghdha, General Secretary, INMO |
| Attendees | * Mr Liam Woods (LW), Co-Chair * Ms Phil Ní Sheaghdha (PNS), Co-Chair * Mr Simon Harris (SH) * Dr Vida Hamilton (VH) * Ms. Angela Fitzgerald (AF) * Ms Soya Cotter (SC) * Mr Robert Morton (RM) * Dr Colm Henry (CH) * Ms Mary Day (MD) * Professor Garry Courtney (GC) * Dr David Hanlon (DH) * Mr David Walsh (DW) * Mr Paul Bolger (PB) * Ms Susan Scally (SS) * Mr Stephen Mc Mahon (SMcM) * Ms Ann Martin (AM) |
| Apologies | * Mr Dean Sullivan * Mr. Joe Ryan * Dr Gerry McCarthy * Professor Garry Courtney * Ms Rosarii Mannion * Dr Kevin Kelleher |
| Attendees | * Sarah Bardon (SB) * Mr Tim Cotter (TC)   Secretariat: Ms Sheila Corcoran Baxter (SCB) |
| Opening Remarks | LW welcomed all attendees and introduced the session. |
| Agenda Item |  |
| 1. Draft minutes and actions from meeting held 26th November 2018 |  |
|  | LW referenced the circulated minutes and actions from the last ED Taskforce meeting dated 26th November 2018. Minutes were approved.  **Update on Actions:**   1. BIU working on the inclusion of source of referral and los data in the weekly winter reports. 2. Detailed discussion between Co Chairs and Minister regarding the future of EDTF to take place in the coming weeks. 3. GC to forward a paper to SH on the issue as highlighted regarding recruitment and retention of NCHDs. |
| 1. Current performance / activity overview – December 2018 data |  |
|  | SC presented an overview of Unscheduled Care Performance 2018 v 2017.  There were 1, 290,091 ED Attendances in 2018 which was an increase of 3.5% on attendances in 2017. Of this 156,661 ED Attendances were by persons aged 75yrs and above, a 5% increase in ED attendances by those aged 75yrs and above in comparison to 2017. ED presentations continue to outstrip demographic growth rates with a significant increase on older patients presenting to EDs.  ED Admissions of 346,387 reflected a 2.6% increase on 2017 with an increase of 4.6% in admissions of patients aged 75yrs and above which accounted for 87,667 of total admissions for 2018.  There was improved performance in 8am Trolley count from Q2 to Q4. Annual 8am Trolley counts reflected a 2.5% increase on 2017 figures with total of 98,448. High 8am Trolley counts in Q1 reflected sever weather events and longer flu season.  PNS noted that the INMO data recorded 75,928 patients on trolleys in ED for 2018 with a total of 32,299 patients on trolleys on wards during 2018.  SMcM queried the variance in demographics in catchment areas of hospitals and whether this resulted in higher numbers of ED presentations by persons aged 75yrs and above. LW advised that BIU will be contacted to provide details of demographics.  SMcM sought details on lost capacity due to cancellation of electives. AF outlined that data is collected in relation to beds days lost and numbers of electives cancelled and patients offered another date is also collected. Data to be provided at the next meeting.  **Actions:**   1. **BIU will be contacted to provide details of demographics. – SCB** 2. **Acute Hospitals to provide report on cancelled electives and bed days lost. - RM** |
| 1. Update on Current Performance – January 2019 |  |
|  | SC presented YTD data – covering period from 1st January 2019 to 12th January 2019.  ED Attendances of 44,065 reflected a 12.4% increase in same period as last year, with 8am Trolley count lower than same period last year despite higher attendances. ED Admissions have shown an increase of 9.2% with total for this period of 11,494, with a higher number of admissions for each day bar 1st January 2019.  Higher Trolley numbers this week due to increased ED attendances and an increase in demand for isolation requirements.  Enhanced focus period now to be extended by a further two weeks until the end of January 2019. Additional winter funded beds coming on stream in the coming weeks to support the increase in activity.  SMcM sought a report on the number of closed beds in the system. AF clarified that there are approximately 70 – 110 inpatient beds closed each week. SDU will provide the closed beds report to SMcM. AF stated that 100% of Critical Cared Beds were open.  SH referenced the positive impact of FIT Teams, HCPs and Transitional Care Beds, access to diagnostics, improved access to transport, defined Focus Period, public health information campaign, Winter Ready clinics and availability of better data, with many of the referenced interventions originating at the ED Taskforce.  PNS queried the number of Type B Delayed Discharges and where the best benefit of funding can be found. DW stated that transitional care is paramount in bridging the gap between the decision on Long Term Care being reached and getting Fair Deal. Discussion surrounding the care of Wards of Court patients took place with further exploration to take place on the long term care requirements of these patients. MD stated that a monthly report on long LOS patients would be useful.  **Actions:**   1. **RM will provide the closed beds report to SMcM. – RM** 2. **Further exploration to take place on the long term care requirements of Wards of Court patients. Analysis of long term patients through each Hospital Group to take place. – AF** |
| 4. Update on Winter Planning |  |
|  | SC provided an update on the Winter Plan confirming an extension to the Focus Period – to the end of January 2019 – with engagement with the 9 sites confirming continued support for this period for the measures identified. 78% of all Enhanced Measures are now in process with all winter beds open or due to open in the coming weeks. A review on enhanced measures will take place and findings presented at the next meeting.  SC referenced the initiatives such as increased access to diagnostics and transport, expansion of integrated care and FIT Team and increase in staffing that have worked well to date and have positively impacted on performance and patient flow.  PNS sought an update on the elective only sites and closed beds in long term care facilities and the required staffing requirements. LW confirmed that work was in progress for an electives only site in Cork with 2020 estimates process underway to fund initiatives that are working well. LW updated the meeting in relation to newly established FIT Teams. AF confirmed that staffing associated with new beds have been identified in the Service Plan with funded developments clearly identified.  **Actions:**   1. **SDU to conduct a review of the enhanced measures. - SC** |
| 5. Future of ED Taskforce |  |
|  | LW and PNS to have detailed discussion with the Minister – date of meeting to be confirmed. Next meeting of the current ED Taskforce will take place following this engagement. |
| AOB | SMcM brought the issue of failed medical devices to the attention of the Taskforce, previously discussed at the November 2018 meeting of the Taskforce. VD provided further information on the pathways being developed for effected patients. |
| Summary Actions | 1. **Detailed discussion regarding the future of ED Taskforce to take place between the Co Chairs, Minister and DOH. – LW and PNS** 2. **BIU will be contacted to provide details of demographics. – SCB** 3. **Acute Hospitals to provide report on cancelled electives and bed days lost. – RM** 4. **RM will provide the closed beds report to SMcM. – RM** 5. **Discussion surrounding the care of Wards of Court patients took place with further exploration to take place on the long term care requirements of these patients. Analysis of long term patients through each Hospital Group to take place. – AF/RM** 6. **SDU to conduct a review of the enhanced measures. - SC** |
| Next Meeting | Future date to be confirmed. |