Notes & Actions - ED Taskforce Implementation Oversight Group Meeting

Date:	Thursday 7 th December 2017
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Time:	2.30pm – 4.30pm
Venue:	Leinster House, Kildare Street.
Chaired by :	Mr John Connaghan, Deputy Director General and Mr. Liam Doran, General Secretary, INMO
Members attending	 Mr John Connaghan (JC), Co-Chair Mr Liam Doran (LD), Co-Chair
	 Minister Simon Harris, Minister for Health (SH) Mr Paul Connors (PC)
	 Mr Liam Woods (LW)
	Ms Grace Rothwell (GR)
	Mr John Hennessy (JH)
	Mr Stephen McMahon (SMcM)
	Professor Garry Courtney (GC)
	Dr Colm HenryDr Gerry McCarthy (GMcC)
	 Dr David Hanlon (DH)
	Ms Angela Fitzgerald
	Mr Damien McCallion
	Dr. Colm Henry
	Mr Pat Healy
	Mr Michael Fitzgerald
Apologies	Ms Rosarii Mannion
	Professor Mary Day
	Mr Dean Sullivan
Attendees	Ms Marita Kinsella (MK)
	Ms Sarah Cooney (SC)
	Ms Susan Scally (SS)
	Ms Ann Martin (AM) Ma KathyAnn Barratt (KAB)
	 Ms KathyAnn Barrett (KAB) Ms Phil Ní Sheaghdha (PNS)
	 Sheila Corcoran Baxter – Secretariat
Opening Remarks	JC welcomed all to the meeting and introductions were made.
Agenda Item	
1. Notes and Actions from Meeting 4 th September 2017	
	JC noted the Minutes and Actions arising from the previous meeting of 4 th September 2017 and same were approved.
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2. Current Performance / Activity Overview (Ref. Winter Report as circulated in advance of the meeting)	
	AF provided an overview of the current activity and performance noting an increase in admissions of 2% and an increase of 6% in >75 yrs admissions. AF noted a significant decrease (19%) in TrolleyGar figures on previous month due to a number of hospital sites performing well.
	AF provided an update on levels of Delayed Discharges with a targeted approach in conjunction with CHOs to bring national figure down to 475.
	GR gave an overview of the style and format of the Weekly Winter Report and sought comments/suggestions from the Group.
	LD acknowledged that IMNO TrolleyWatch and TrolleyGar figures were in line but drew attention to the number of additional beds on wards nationally. LD queried what incentives were in place to attract nurses, the level of engagement with Hospital Group CEOs at forum meetings, additional measures for the Winter period, ADONs for Patient Flow and the Health Sector Workforce Plan.
	SH paid tribute to LD and his efforts to date as General Secretary of the INMO and wished him well in his retirement. SH acknowledged the improvement in trolley numbers in November 2017 compared to November 2016.
	SH sought detail on the what does success look like on Christmas Day, the number of winter beds opened, level of flu and level of respiratory infection in the Children's Hospital Group and the risk of same spreading to adult population. DMcC stated that flu figures will be available before Christmas with detail on winter beds included in the activity report.
	 Action: a. LD and AF agreed to discuss Hospital Group CEO participation at meetings, notification of de-escalation. b. LD and AF to address and clarify any discrepancies in TrolleyWatch and TrolleyGar figures.
3. National Winter Plan 2017 / 2018 – Draft document circulated at the meeting.	
	DMcC provided an overview of the draft National Winter Plan 2017/2018 outlining key objectives, lessons learned, timeframes and funding and the finalisation of Hospital Group targets. DMcC informed members that reporting and governance arrangements for the Christmas / New Year period were being updated with arrangements for additional funding for exceptional measures and engagement with Hospital Groups to be finalised.
	The members discussed levels of delayed discharges, availability of senior decisions makers at site level, availability of diagnostics to combat surge and influenza rates. LD queried level of delegate discharging and the current number of closed beds.

	Action: Data on Influenza rate to be shared with SH and colleagues DH
4. DOH Capacity Review – Verbal update from DOH.	
	MK provided an update on the Capacity Review which has been undertaken by the DOH. It is expected that the Review will now go to Cabinet.
5. HSE Unscheduled Care 3 Year Plan – Update from DMcC	
	DMcC provided an update on the development of a 3 year Unscheduled Care plan to the Taskforce. This will be brought back to ED Taskforce from further discussion in the Spring 2018.
6. UEC Model – Acute Floor Project Overview – Update from Dr Colm Henry	
	CM provided an update from the Acute Floor Project. Members discussed its implementation at site level. JC advised that an Implementation Group should be established to explore the roll out of the Acute Floor Model.
	Action: JC to meet with the Acute Floor Project Implementation Group.
7. ED Taskforce – Moving Forward – Discussion	
	There was round table discussion on the potential future role of the ED Taskforce.
	JC invited members to submit suggestions for a reconfigured Taskforce in writing to him and agreed to review members' comments from today's meeting.
	 Action: a. Members to submit suggestions on the future configuration and purpose of the Taskforce to JC. b. JC will review feedback and the SDU will draft a proposal on the development of the Taskforce for discussion and agreement.
8. AOB	
	LD took the opportunity to thank members of the Taskforce for time and efforts to date and wished all well on his retirement from the INMO and as Co Chair of the Taskforce. Ms Phil Ni Sheaghdha will take up her post as incoming General Secretary of the INMO.