



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

HSE Board Briefing Template

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Subject: National Service Plan 2022

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Why is this information being brought to the Boards attention?

To provide an update on the process following receipt of the Minister's letter of 26 January 2022 regarding the National Service Plan (NSP) 2022.

Is there an action by the Board required, if so please provide detail? Board members are asked to note the position and the approach to finalising and publishing NSP 2022.

Brief summary of link to Board objectives

- The development and implementing of an effective Corporate Governance Framework, incorporating clinical governance and a performance management and accountability system; ☒
- Developing a plan for building public trust and confidence in the HSE and the wider health service; ☒
- Ensuring the HSE's full support for and implementation of the Government's programme of health reform as set out in the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy; ☒
- Exercising effective budgetary management, including improving the value achieved with existing resources and securing target saving, with the objective of delivering the National Service Plan within Budget. ☒

Background

The NSP 2022 and the 2022 Capital Plan and ICT Plan were submitted to the Minister for approval on 23 November 2021, following adoption by the Board.

A formal response was received from the Minister on 26 January 2022 (attached) advising that the Minister has approved the National Service Plan 2022, the 2022 Capital Plan and ICT Capital Plan subject to the amendments contained within the letter being made.

These amendments cover the following areas:

- **Waiting list targets:** suggestion for HSE to consider NSP 2022 waiting time targets given that decisions regarding the allocation of €200m are outstanding
- **Additional references to be included within NSP 2022** in the following areas: **COVID measures** (antigen testing, population based self-testing, need to create medium term infrastructure; International benchmarking); **Vaccines** (the creation and transition to medium term infrastructure; HPV catch-up programme); **Clinical Quality and Patient Safety** (list patient strategies; clinical quality and patient outcomes; and refer to NOCA Audits); **Addiction Services** (residential support)
- **Women's Health:** Women and Children section to be changed to Women's Healthcare – need to ensure inclusive of all services in the Women's Health Plan

- **Increase 2022 targets:** Audiology (Community Healthcare); Mental Health (CAMHS)
- **Capital Plan:** description and handling of COVID Capital Contingency – capital allocation to be adjusted to reflect position as referenced in the LoD
- **Restoration of Day Care (services for older people):** needs specific target / commitment
- **Public Residential Care:** commitment from NSP 2021 to develop a plan to increase, over time, public long-term residential care capacity, to rebalance the current 20:80 public/private split should be reinstated
- **Financial Chapter (Financial Risk):** prudent for NSP to note the financial / governance mechanisms including Health Budget Oversight Group; New measures – would benefit to include full details on measures brought forward from 2021 to 2022
- **Workforce:** query alignment of targets with the Resourcing Strategy; given that delivery of funded reforms is dependent on staff recruitment, the proposed level of reform/ service development be amended to be commensurate with the recruitment level considered as achievable; and that additional innovation and effort in the recruitment space be pursued, alongside with improved monitoring and management in this area.

Work is underway to consider in detail the proposed amendments and finalise NSP 2022. A final version of NSP 2022 will be shared with Board members for consideration and adoption during the week beginning 7 February. The Minister advised that he intends to bring the final NSP 2022 to Government prior to publication and has requested that the revised NSP (and associated Plans) be submitted to him as soon as possible and no later than 11 February 2022.

Conclusion

See above.

Recommendation

To note the Minister's letter of 26 January 2022 and our approach to finalising the NSP 2022.