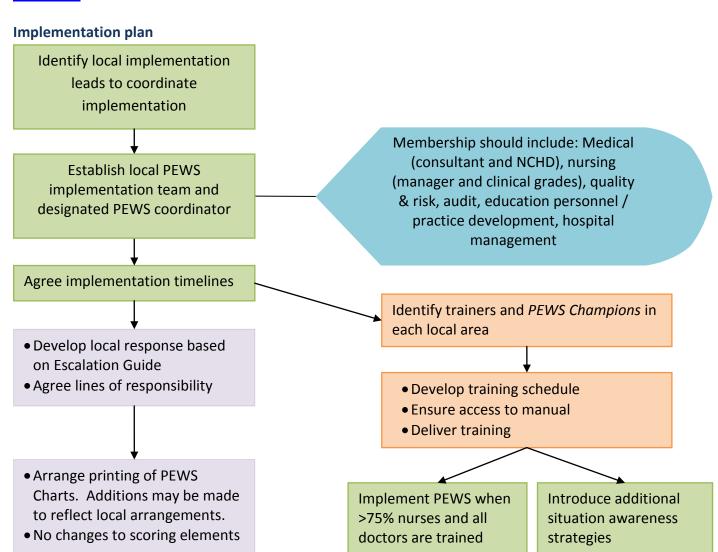


## **Paediatric Early Warning System Implementation Guidance**

## Governance

It is essential to establish the governance structure for the deteriorating child in each hospital. A formal governance process (such as PEWS Group/Committee) and named Medical and Nursing Lead should oversee the development, implementation and ongoing review of PEWS. A designated PEWS Coordinator is essential. The implementation of PEWS is governed by the policy framework within the National Clinical Guideline No.12- PEWS available at: <a href="http://health.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/NCG-12-PEWS-full-report.pdf">http://health.gov.ie/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/NCG-12-PEWS-full-report.pdf</a>



## **PEWS Implementation Leads and Trainers**

Implementation leads and PEWS trainers should expect to participate in and lead PEWS training, and should act as a resource to colleagues and promote PEWS in the hospital. The selection of trainers is important. In addition, ongoing simulation-based team training incorporating the use of PEWS scoring and ISBAR communication is advised. NCHD trainers should be selected in addition to the Medical Lead and should provide multidisciplinary training together with the nominated nurse trainers. Multidisciplinary training is seen as key to ensuring successful team understanding of PEWS and responsibilities under the system. PEWS Trainers should have experience in clinical education including delivery of presentations, facilitating case discussion and practical case demonstration. Experience in simulation or skills training may be of particular advantage.