# The Irish Paediatric Early Warning System



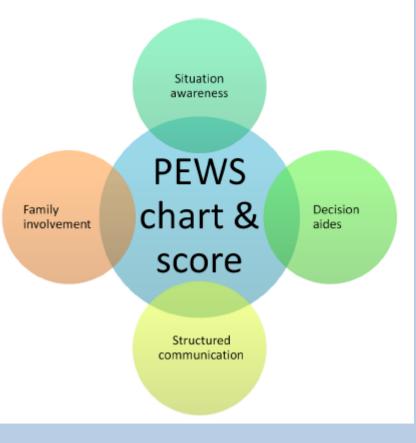




# **Top Tips for Safe Use**

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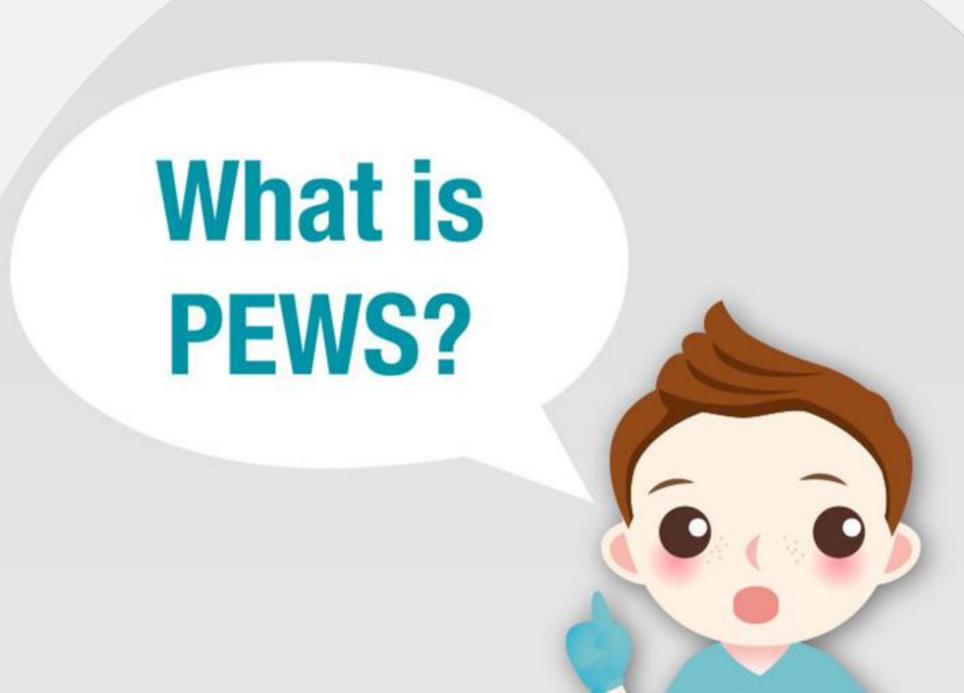
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### PEWS is designed to capture, highlight and combine clinical observations into a score that helps predict children at risk of deterioration.

In order to utilise this important clinical information, clinical judgement must be applied to interpret it.

### Here we present key premises to ensure PEWS is used and interpreted safely to prevent child clinical deterioration.



## **Paediatric EARLY Warning System**

- Any score is an abnormal score
- Improved situation awareness
- Earlier opportunity to rescue



### Use clinical judgement

- Treat the child, not the score
- Monitor trends in vital signs and PEWS scoring



## Variance Use

- Engage with the child and family
- Document all decisions clearly

# **Engage with the child and family**

- Parents/carers know their child best
- Use Listening to You resources
- Ask about concern



# **Escalation Pathway**

- Escalate concerns quickly
- Monitor closely for safe

use

- Clinical judgement + PEWS score
- Escalation higher or lower as
  - required
- Seek senior colleague advice
- **Record decisions**



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