



IRISH NATIONAL EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

ISBAR Communication Tool

I Identify	Identify: You, Doctor, Patient Is this Dr. _____? This is _____ (e.g Mary, I am team leader on 7A) I am calling about _____ (e.g Mr David Jones)
S Situation	Situation: Why are you calling? I am calling because _____ (e.g Total EWS of 6 or 3 in a single parameter) Resp Rate _____ Sats _____ O2 Delivery _____ Temp _____ Heart Rate _____ BP _____ Urinary Output _____ LOC _____ (only use abnormal reading initially)
B Background	Background: What is relevant background? They are _____ years old Admitted for _____ Recent surgery or procedures _____ Relevant past medical/surgical history _____ They currently have _____ (e.g. IV fluids, Urinary Catheter, PCA)
A Assessment	Assessment: What do you think is the problem? I think _____ (e.g they are hypovolaemic) (you can skip this if they don't know what is wrong)
R Recommendation	Recommendation: What do you want them to do? I would like you to _____ (e.g come and review him please) Is there anything you would like me to do before you get here?