

Minutes of HSE National Patient Safety Alerts (NPSAs) Committee

Patient Safety Together (PST): learning, sharing and improving

Meeting No. 46

Date: 25th September 2026– MS Teams 10:00 -11:30

Present		
Dr Darren McLoughlin (DMcL) - Clinical Director Medicine and Laboratory and Emergency Department (ED) Consultant – Committee Chair	Lorraine Schwanberg (LS)- Assistant National Director, Quality and Patient Safety and Incident Management (QPS IM), (NQPS), HSE - Committee Co-Chair	Catherine Hogan (CH) – National Quality and Patient Safety (NQPS) & Patient Safety Together (PST) Programme Manager
Patricia O'Dwyer (PO'D) - Patient Partner Representative – SAGE Advocacy	Dr Patricia Kearney (PK)- NQPS & Patient Safety Together (PST) Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Noemi Palacios (NP) – NQPS & PST Co-ordinator
Clare Donegan (CD) - Pharmacovigilance Risk Communication and Assessment Assessor - Human Products Monitoring Department (HPRA)	Judith Martin (JM) - Medical Device and IVD Advisor – Medical Devices, HPRA	Alan O'Gorman (AO'G), Director of Nursing, HSE Midwest Acute Hospitals
Sinéad Brennan (SB), Director of Quality, Clinical Governance and Patient Safety, HSE Dublin and South- East	Ciaran Browne (CB) – Office of the National Director, Access and Integration	Jessica Cully (JC)- NQPS
Apologies		
Dr James O'Connell, National NCHD Innovation Fellow, HSE SPARK Innovation Programme	Edel O'Toole, Clinical Specialist Radiation, HSPC Lead	Marie Ward, Human Factors Lead, St James Hospital
Darren Scully (DS), Head of Pharmacovigilance Risk communication & Assessment Unit, HPRA	Patrick Murphy, Assessment and Surveillance Manager – Medical Devices, HPRA	

	Items	Actions
1.	Welcome & Apologies (Committee Chair) - The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and conveyed apologies - Quorum was not reached but it was agreed to hold the meeting for information sharing with no decisions to be made - The group held a minute of silence to honour the memory of Dr Maureen Flynn, esteemed colleague who sadly passed away on 22nd September (RIP)	
2.	Review of Minutes (Committee Chair) The group agreed to formally review the minutes and associated actions of 31 st July at the October meeting. Updates were given on the status of the July meeting actions.	
3.	Updates Amphotericin CH gave an update on the potential draft NPSA: Risk of serious harm from Amphotericin. To note: - The subgroup chaired by Clinical Lead, National Medication Safety Programme has met three times. Representation includes Pharmacy Leads and Pharmacy Informatics, Lead Non-Consultant Hospital Doctor, Patient Advocates, Nursing and Midwifery and National Clinical Programme in Infectious Disease.	

	○ Work on the draft NPSA and ‘What does it mean for me....’ accompanying infographic is progressing. It is envisaged that both documents will be circulated to the committee ahead of October’s meeting for review and sign off with a view to share with National Clinical Lead QPS and Chief Clinical Officer for final approval and sign off. • LS gave an update on HSE NPSA Supply disruption affecting Kangaroo™ Joey Enteral Feeding Bag Sets (issued 2 September)	
4.	Review of intelligence submitted Current QPS issues and learning was presented and a brief discussion took place. To note: • LS to link with JM in relation to a recently issued patient safety alert on patient hoists in the UK • PST/LS will prepare a presentation of the key findings of the recently published Thirlwall Report (UK) • Query regarding shared learning from neo-natal recommendations from the Thirlwall Report (UK) was raised. LS will link with colleagues in the National Women and Infant Health Programme	LS/JM PST/LS LS
5.	AOB • ISQua Conference, Dublin 28-30 September. A few members will be involved in presentations, workshops and poster exhibitions. • LS gave an update on a recent in person meeting with HPRA colleagues. Brief discussion took place. No further actions at this time.	
6.	Date of next meeting Meeting ended at 11:09 am Next meeting will take place on 23 rd October at 10:30 am	

Action Summary			
	Action	Assigned to	Due
i	LS to link with JM in relation to a recently issued patient safety alert on hoists in the UK	LS/ JM	Next meeting
ii	PST/LS will prepare a presentation of the key findings of the recently published Thirlwall Report (UK)	PST/LS	Next meeting
iii	LS will link with colleagues in the National Women and Infant Health Programme regarding learning from neonatal recommendations in the Thirlwall Report	LS	Next meeting