

Minutes of HSE National Patient Safety Alerts (NPSAs) Committee

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

Meeting No. 45

Date: 31st July 2026– MS Teams 10:30 -12:00

Present		
Dr Darren McLoughlin (DMcL) - Clinical Director Medicine and Laboratory and Emergency Department (ED) Consultant – Committee Chair	Catherine Hogan (CH) – National Quality and Patient Safety (NQPS) & Patient Safety Together (PST) Programme Manager	Noemi Palacios (NP) – NQPS & PST Co-ordinator
Patricia O'Dwyer (PO'D) - Patient Partner Representative – SAGE Advocacy	Dr Patricia Kearney (PK)- NQPS & Patient Safety Together (PST) Consultant in Public Health Medicine	Marie Ward (MW) - Human Factors Lead, St James Hospital
Clare Donegan (CD) - Pharmacovigilance Risk Communication and Assessment Assessor - Human Products Monitoring Department (HPRA)	Darren Scully (DS) - Pharmacovigilance Risk Communication and Assessment Manager (HPRA)	Ciara Kirke (CK), Clinical Lead National Medication Safety Programme, NQPS
Sinéad Brennan (SB), Director of Quality, Clinical Governance and Patient Safety, HSE Dublin and South- East	James O'Connell (JO'C)- National NCHD Innovation Fellow (HSE SPARK Innovation Programme)	Ellie Southgate (ES) - National Open Disclosure Manager, QPS-IM, NQPS – representing Lorraine Schwanberg
Apologies		
Alan O'Gorman (AO'G), Director of Nursing, HSE Midwest Acute Hospitals	Siobhan Lynch (SL) - Head of QPS Integrated Healthcare Area (IHA) Waterford/Wexford	Lorraine Schwanberg (LS)- Assistant National Director, Quality and Patient Safety and Incident Management (QPS IM), (NQPS), HSE - Committee Co-Chair
Judith Martin (JM) - Medical Device and IVD Advisor – Medical Devices, HPRA	Edel O'Toole (EO'T) - Health & Social Care Professional Representative	

	Items	Actions
1.	Welcome & Apologies (Committee Chair) - The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and conveyed apologies - Quorum was reached	
2.	Review of Minutes (Committee Chair) Minutes, and associated actions of 26 th June were reviewed and signed off. - To note: - PST will update the existing template for referrals to include a return address on the form	PST
3.	Updates Amphotericin CK presented on the potential risk of serious harm from the drug Amphotericin. A discussion took place regarding the prescribing, dispensing and administration risks with the drug. The committee discussed the options for a potential alert or supplement for Amphotericin products. PST to work with CK regarding the potential alert/supplement to draft a document and establishing a supporting expert group. JOC to connect with Lead NCHD for a nominee to the expert group.	PST/CK JOC

	• Coroners case death of baby while using baby sling Further to receipt of a coroners' court recommendation on advice for the use of baby slings, PST contacted the National Women and Infant Health Programme (NWIHP) and the Child Health Public Health (CHPH)/ National Healthy Childhood Programme (NHCP) regarding the safe use of baby slings. To note: NHCP advised they are currently actively undertaking work on safe sleep and parent fronted resources on slings, following coroners' cases in Ireland and internationally, and with evolving evidence, to update the HSE MyChild resources that are the parent and practitioner fronted resources. NHCP have been invited to present at the patient safety community once resources have been developed.	
6.	Review of intelligence submitted Current QPS issues and learning was presented.	
7.	AOB • Members were reminded to submit their logos and photos for inclusion in the ISQua Conference oral presentation on 30th September 2026. • August committee meeting will be held only if a referral to the committee is received – next meeting September.	All
8.	Date of next meeting Meeting ended at 11:45 am Next meeting will take place on 25 th September at 10:00am	

Action Summary			
	Action	Assigned to	Due
i	PST will update the existing template for referrals to include a return address on the form	PST	Next meeting
ii	PST to work with CK regarding the potential alert/supplement to draft a document and establishing a supporting expert group.	PST/CK	After meeting
iii	JO'C will connect with lead NCHD for nominee to join the Amphotericin Alert Subgroup	JO'C	After meeting
vi	Members to submit their logos and photos for inclusion in the ISQua Conference oral presentation on 30 th September	All	After meeting