

Minutes of HSE National Patient Safety Alerts Committee (NPSAs) Patient Safety Together: learning, sharing and improving

Meeting No. Seventeen

Date: 22 March – MS Teams 10:00 -11:30

Present		
Dr Darren McLoughlin, (DMcL) - ED Consultant – Committee Chair	Lorraine Schwanberg (LS) – AND QPS IM - Committee Co-Chair	Catherine Hogan (CH) – QPSIM & Patient Safety Together (PST) Project Lead
Noemi Palacios (NP) – QPSIM & PST Co-ordinator	Siobhan Lynch (SL) – Quality and Patient Safety Manager – CHO6	Alan O’Gorman (AOG), Director of Nursing, UL Hospitals Group
Judith Martin (JM) - Medical Device and IVD Advisor – Medical Devices, HPRA	Joseph McNeela (JMcN)- Pharmacovigilance, HPRA	Ciaran Browne (CB) - HSE Estates Lead, HSE Acute Operations
Edel O’Toole (EOT) - Health & Social Care Professional Lead	Tibbs Pereira (TP) - Patients for Patient Safety Ireland	Margaret Brennan (MB) – Proxy for Mairead Twohig
Patricia O’Dwyer (POD) - Patient Partner Representative – SAGE Advocacy	Fiona Garvey (FG) - National QPS – Community	Marie Ward (MW) - Human Factors Lead, St James Hospital
Patrick Murphy (PM) - Assessment and Surveillance Manager – Medical Devices, HPRA	Julia Louw (JL), Post-doctorate Researcher	Darren Scully (DS) – Pharmacovigilance Risk Communication and Assessment Manager (HPRA)
Apologies		
Sinéad Brennan (SB) - QPS Acutes Lead, IEHG	Mairead Twohig (MT) - Risk & Incident Lead, Acute Operations	Gethin White (GW) – Librarian, Knowledge User Lead, HSE Library

	Items	Actions
1.	<p>Welcome & Apologies (Committee Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and conveyed apologies Quorum reached LS welcomed Ronnie McDermott, HSE Medical Devices and Ivana Hayes, HPRA, who joined this meeting to discuss draft HSE NPSA Risk of harm Olympus Insufflation Unit (2) 	
2.	<p>Review of Minutes (Committee Co-Chair)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes and associated actions of 23rd February 2024 were reviewed, updated and signed off 	
3.	<p>Draft HSE NPSA Updated: Risk of patient harm from medical device: Insufflation Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPRA updated the committee from regulatory perspective on developments since the previous NPSA and Olympus FSN were issued in November 2023 HSE Medical Device Office gave an update regarding the number of devices still in use and sites where devices are located. The HSE Medical Devices Office has recommended replacement of those devices and are liaising with affected sites directly. Discussion took place regarding naming affected sites and the pros and cons. It was agreed to review the process with a view to a standardised approach. The draft NPSA was revised and updates made. Committee agreed to sign off the alert once edits are made. PST to finalise and send to SIMT for final comments and NCD and CCO for final approval and sign off. 	Committee PST
4.	<p>Updates provided on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft HSE NPSA <i>Risk of measles in healthcare settings</i> in development. PST to circulate draft NPSA to committee members when finalised. Impromptu committee meeting to be scheduled when alert is ready for review and sign-off Patient Safety Supplement has commenced re <i>Risk of extravasation injury</i> MB to link with PST regarding a new potential PSS re air embolism. 	PST MB/MT

4.	Review of intelligence submitted Current QPS issues and learning reviewed. No further actions required.	
5.	Date of next meeting Meeting ended at 11:25 am. Next meeting will take place on Friday, April 26 th 2024 at 10:00-11:30	

Action Summary			
	Action	Assigned to	Due
i	PST to finalise alert and send to SIMT for final comments and NCD and CCO for final approval and sign off.	PST	22 nd March
ii	Impromptu committee meeting to be scheduled to discuss draft NPSA Measles. PST to circulate draft NPSA to committee members when finalised	PST	26 th March
iii	MB/MT to link with PST regarding new potential PSS re air embolism	MB/MT	Before next meeting
iv	Review the process regarding naming affected sites with a view to a standardised approach	Committee	June/July 24