MIDLANDS REGIONAL HOSPITAL, PORTLAOISE

LISTENING RESPONDING

WHAT PATIENTS

SCALE & IMPROVING SAID TO US **ADMISSION** WAITING TIMES: 1. Staff in ED are continuing work to improve ED waiting times. Ongoing ON-GOING monitoring is in place to ensure improvements are being made. TO HOSPITAL Reduce Emergency Department waiting 2. The Clinical Microsystems Programme is being implemented in the Emergency ON->廳 GOING Department, it is designed to increase self-awareness among staff and to engage in continuous improvement in ED, thereby enabling an improved experience for the patients, families and the care teams. Q4 2018 3. Appointment of a 2nd Advanced Nurse Practitioner in the ED will facilitate in reducing waiting times for certain cohorts of patients. **NUTRITION:** Q1 2019 **CARE ON** 1. The 'Red Tray' initiative, designed to support patients who need assistance Improve hospital during meal-time has been implemented and will be reviewed to evaluate its THE WARD food and nutrition. 2. The 'Protected Mealtimes' initiative has been implemented and will be Q1 2019 reviewed to evaluate it effectiveness. 3. The timing and spacing of meals will be reviewed to ensure meals are provided Q1 2019 at regular intervals which are aligned to patients' needs. 4. 'Make Every Moment Count' initiative will be implemented to support patients Q1 2019 to make healthy lifestyle choices. 5. Similar to 2018, a Nutrition & Hydration Awareness Week will be scheduled for 2019 **DISCHARGE** COMMUNICATION: 1. The 'Discharge Planning' Working Group will continue its work to improve ON-GOING Provide more **OR TRANSFER** hospital processes around patient discharge, with a particular focus on information providing: to patients at Written/printed information (about what to do/not to do after discharge) 齫〉 discharge. will be developed Advice regarding signs/symptoms to observe post discharge will be provided to patients Advice to patients regarding who to contact if they are worried about their condition or treatment after they leave hospital. **PATIENT DIGNITY &** 1. The hospital will continue its implementation of hospital-wide programmes ON-GOING **EXPERIENCE** RESPECT which will enhance patient experience including the: AND PRIVACY: Caring Behaviours Assurance System Improving and Programme on Cultures of Person Centredness 'What Matters to Me' initiative designed to encourage patients to highlight sustaining patient experience. their needs and to ensure that they have a positive hospital experience. ON-GOING 2. The 'Dementia Friendly' Working Group will continue its work to investigate how patient experience can be improved, commencing with improved infrastructural changes. 3. Infrastructural changes to enhance patient privacy will commence in Q4 2018. STARTS Q4 2018 4. A 'Visitor Policy' Committee will be established to review the visiting policy and Q4 2018 ensure patients' needs and wishes are prioritised. 5. 'Comfort packs' for admitted patients on trolleys will be supplied in ED. Q4 2018 6. Information Booklet for (admitted) patients will be developed. Q2 2019 STAFF WELLBEING: 1. The hospital will continue to implement hospital-wide programmes which will ON-GOING Improving staff enhance staff experience: **EXPERIENCE** well-being. - Healthy Ireland Programme Caring Behaviour Assurance System Programme on Cultures of Person Centredness ON-GOING 2. The hospital will provide opportunities for continuous professional development of staff 3. The results of the recent staff survey will be reviewed and a QI Action Plan Q1 2019 developed based on the survey findings.



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