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**Response to statement by A&E Task Force Chairperson on
the introduction of a target time for admissions from
Emergency Departments.**

The Irish Association for Emergency Medicine (IAEM) welcomes the announcement this morning by Angela Fitzgerald, Chairperson of the A&E Task Force on the introduction of a standard whereby no patient who is admitted as an inpatient will have spent more than 6 hours in an Emergency Department from the time of arrival. This will be of direct benefit to those who require admission to hospital and will have a significant knock on benefit to all patients attending Emergency Departments.