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By email

Dear Colleague,

The Emergency Medicine Programme has been successful in obtaining approval from the Centre for Management and Organisation Development (CMOD) of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to develop a detailed specification for the procurement of Emergency Department Information Systems (EDIS) for Emergency Departments (EDs) that have no existing EDIS and those that have systems that are not fit for purpose. The project was supported by the Special Delivery Unit, the Department of Health and the HSE ICT Directorate and we are exceptionally fortunate that the project was allowed to progress given current economic constraints.

We have not included EDs that have relatively highly functioning EDIS in the project scope on the basis of "if it ain't broke don't fix it" and we considered that the limited resources available would be better focussed on ensuring that all Emergency Care Units and EDs had an appropriate level of ED ICT functionality rather than on developing a single national solution *per se*. The EDIS project will not resolve problems with Order Comms that relate to whole hospital ICT systems. Implementation will occur first on a small number of sites but the aim is ultimately, to include twenty-seven EDs and linked Local Injury Units on a network basis over a two-year period.

I am making you aware of this now because Sinead O'Connor, our Programme Manager who is coordinating this project, will be contacting the ICT departments in each of the project hospitals (listed over) to complete an inventory of their ED ICT 'hardware' including printers, PCs etc. Please collaborate with your ICT departments to ensure we collect this information as quickly as possible.

Our mid-December deadline to complete the specification document such that we can return to CMOD for the approval to begin procurement and implementation is a tight one. The members of the EDIS Project Working Group (listed overleaf) will be asked to review and contribute to the draft document and there will be ongoing collaboration with the broader EM community as the project progresses. A considerable volume

of preparatory work such as agreement on standard datasets will be required before implementation and we have also been tasked by CMOD to undertake lean-six sigma-type process improvement projects on the first phase sites to ensure that workflows are optimised in advance of EDIS implementation. This is a huge project and your support will be essential to its success. Please contact Sinead or me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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EDIS PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION SITES

Network	Lead Hospital ICT	Linked Hospitals	Solution
Northeast	Our Lady Of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda	Cavan General Hospital and units at Louth County Hospital, Monaghan Hospital and Our Lady's Hospital Navan, according to local reconfiguration.	New national ICT ED Solution
Southeast	Waterford Regional Hospital	Wexford General Hospital, South Tipperary General Hospital, St Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny	New national ICT ED Solution
West	Galway University Hospital	Portiuncula Hospital, Roscommon Hospital	New national ICT ED Solution
Midwest	Mid West Regional Hospital, Dooradoyle	Ennis General Hospital, Nenagh General Hospital and St. John's Hospital, Limerick	New national ICT ED Solution
Northwest	Sligo General Hospital	Letterkenny General Hospital, Mayo General Hospital	New national ICT ED Solution
South	Cork University Hospital	Kerry General Hospital, Mercy University Hospital, and other linked units according to network configuration.	New national ICT ED Solution
Midlands	Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore	Midlands Regional Hospital Mullingar, Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise	New national ICT ED Solution