



# Committee report

Committee	<b>POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE</b>
Date	<b>13 JANUARY 2020</b>
Title	<b>REVIEW OF DISCHARGE FROM HOSPITAL</b>
Report of	<b>THE CHAIRMAN</b>

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## SUMMARY

1. To agree to the establishment of a task and finish group to review arrangements for the safe discharge of patients from hospital.

## BACKGROUND

2. Discharge planning is a routine feature of the health and social care system. It consists of the development of an individual discharge plan for the patient prior to leaving hospital. Discharge planning should ensure that the patient is discharged from hospital at an appropriate time in their care and that with adequate notice the provision of other services are organised.
3. Effective planning for discharge helps reduce hospital length of stay and unplanned/emergency re-admissions, relieves pressure on hospital beds and improves the co-ordination of services following discharge from hospital.
4. The task and finish group will take evidence from all partners and agencies to ascertain if there is a consistent and effective process for the safe discharge of patients
5. Meetings will take place to receive an understanding of existing discharge planning processes and associated pathways in respect of Island residents who are admitted to hospital.
  - Understand the role that all agencies (both statutory and voluntary/community sector) play in the discharge planning process.
  - Ensure services provided take into consideration national best and evidence-based practice.
  - Consider ways to continue to make improvements to Discharge Planning processes to ensure they continue to be effective in meeting the needs of the population of the Island.
  - An understanding of the different elements of service monitoring that take place in respect of this area of provision.

6. Areas considered as part of this review:
  - How are people discharged from hospital?
  - Understanding of self-care after discharge.
  - What information is given to people and when? Do they know who to contact if something goes wrong?
  - Transfer of care into primary care
  - Arrangements for people with supported discharge needs
  - Reasons why delays occur and how these and steps taken to reduce these.
7. Recommendations will be made on :-
  - assurances that patients are being discharged safely and effectively from hospital.
  - where improvements to services could be made to ensure they continue to be effective in meeting the needs of the population of the Island.

#### 8. CORPORATE PRIORITY

Drive forward integration with health, putting in place the right governance, commissioning and delivery arrangements so that we secure care closer to home, supporting more people in their own homes than in hospital and other forms of institutional care and enabling them to be as healthy as possible.

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