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IEQAS 12th Participant's Conference Moving Forward – The Health Reform

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Introduction

- Thank you for invitation to open conference
- Can't claim to be able to make you any wiser about the IVD Directive
- Set scene – health service reforms
- Opportunities for initiatives such as IEQAS



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Health Service Modernisation

- Many changes in health services characterised by:
 - Ø Reform
 - Ø Modernisation
 - Ø Clinical governance
 - Ø Quality
 - Ø Accreditation etc.



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HeBE and Modernisation

- HeBe was established in 2002 to enable joint working between the health boards, ERHA, and voluntary service providers
- Developed structured methodology for working
 - Ø Systematic way of working - project management
 - Ø Clear deliverables / timeframes
 - Ø Expertise based
- Focus was on modernisation



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Moving Forward – The Health Reform

- HeBE projects have focused on areas such as:
 - Ø Information and Communications Technologies
 - Ø Harnessing new technologies to transform care
 - Ø Programme of Action for Children
 - Ø Service Modernisation (Schemes and National Client Index)
 - Ø Major Emergency Planning

HeBE and the Voluntary Sector

- Key HeBE concept - “Working Together”
- Recognises the role and contribution of the voluntary sector
- Active engagement with voluntary sector (DATHS, Federation of Voluntary Bodies, The Wheel, ISQSH)
- Role also in relation to funding national voluntary initiatives: e.g.
 - Ø Work of IEQAS
 - Ø To support and encourage positive initiatives that improve the way we deliver care
 - Ø Funding provided for 2 years to develop the work and role of IEQAS
 - Ø Want to see it as a partner / contributor to the development of quality systems in our health services



The Health Reforms

- How does the future of IEQAS fit within the reform process
- Health Strategy – Quality and Fairness
 - Ø 10 year vision for delivering a “world class health service”
 - Ø One key action – Reform of Structures (Modernisation broader item than structural reform!)
 - Ø From 1st January 2005
 - Health Boards / ERHA / HeBE / OHM / Comhairle na Ospideal / HSEA
 - To become one new organisation - HSE



Structural Reform

- Two new organisations – HSE and HIQA
- HSE
 - Unitary management of health services
 - Management
 - § CEO appointed – Prof. A. Halligan
 - Ø Deputy CMO – England
 - Ø Director General for clinical strategy and development for NPfIT
 - Ø Strong commitment to developing quality of care
 - § SMT – currently being recruited
 - Ø Population Health
 - Ø National Hospitals Office
 - Ø Primary Community and Continuing Care
 - Services to be delivered through:
 - § Hospital Networks – National Hospitals Office
 - § Community Care Areas (32)
 - § Regional Co-ordinating Offices
 - Ø Western – Galway
 - Ø Southern – Cork
 - Ø Dublin/North East – Kells
 - Ø Dublin/Mid-Leinster – Tullamore
- HIQA
 - § Health Information and Quality Authority
 - § First established on an interim basis
 - § Based in Cork
 - § Interim Chairperson
 - Ø Mr. Pat McGrath (Project Management Group)

Future Opportunities for IEQAS

- Structural reform does not automatically mean better services
- However, change afoot across whole health service
 - Ø Mixed feelings? / uncertainty?
 - Ø One certainty – change will happen
 - Opportunity?
 - Threat?
- IEQAS has a future role in supporting the areas of quality and accreditation due to its expertise and track record
 - Ø HeBE working with IEQAS to explore its future role
 - Ø HeBE would encourage the organisation to set its sight high and lead the way in the important area of health service delivery
- Take opportunity to wish you the best for your day's deliverables