

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Every day, 10 people in Ireland break their hip**

Jim Daly T.D., Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People today launched the Irish Hip Fracture Database National Report 2016 at the Irish Hip Fracture Meeting in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. The purpose of the report is to highlight the importance of the standardisation and optimisation of hip fracture care and continual measurement and monitoring of data to improve outcomes for patients.

Last year, in Ireland, 3,629 patients aged 60 years or over were hospitalised following a hip fracture. The IHFD collected data on 3,159 cases from all sixteen acute hospitals which accounted for 86% of all hip fracture cases nationally. There are significant morbidity and mortality issues associated with this common injury and health care costs are high.

Speaking at the event, Minister Daly said "I wish to congratulate NOCA on publishing the 4th Annual Report of the Irish Hip Fracture Database. Robust quality data is needed to inform decision making and it is great to see that all 16 eligible hospitals are now recording data on hip fractures, such that hospital performance on this important issue, especially for the elderly, can be judged against an international standard.

He added "I commend the clinical leadership on continuing to drive database development and I know that health service managers and policy decision makers will appreciate the evidence emanating from the database as it matures."

#### **KEY FINDINGS**

- 14% patients admitted to an orthopaedic ward within 4 hours.
- 6% patients went straight to theatre from the emergency department.
- Increase in percentage of patients having surgery within 48 hours (75%).
- 77% of patients were mobilised on the day of or day after surgery.
- Increase in percentage of patients seen by a Geriatrician (56%).
- More patients received a bone health (57%) and falls (54%) assessment to prevent further falls and fractures.
- Median length of stay has reduced to 12 days.
- Data coverage (86%) and data quality (98%) has improved.
- This report includes individual hospital comparison across six key care standards and highlights huge variation in hospital performance across all six standards.

NOCA was established in 2012 to create sustainable clinical audit programmes at national level. NOCA enables those who manage and deliver healthcare to improve the quality of care through national clinical audit. NOCA is funded by the Health Service Executive Quality Improvement Division, governed by an independent voluntary board and operationally supported by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Copies of the report will be available to download from [www.noca.ie](http://www.noca.ie).

**ENDS**

**NOTES TO THE EDITOR:**

- Minister Daly will open the Meeting and officially launch the IHFD National Report 2016 at 09:30am.
- Key Findings & Recommendations from the Report will be presented by Dr Emer Ahern, IHFD Clinical Geriatric Lead at 10:10am.
- Comment from Clinical Leads available at 11am in RCSI Boardroom.

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