



# HSE Dublin Mid-Leinster Working Group on Falls



## project area - Falls



## why did we choose this project? -

- Historically identified as an area of concern
- Need to progress work achieved so far
- Increase patient/service user safety
- High number of reported incidents highest category of reported incidents
- Demand by sites to have validated tool that is applicable across all service

## who has helped so far? -

- Major local research and Report 2004
- GMs (current LHO)
- Buy in from Services and multidisciplinary sites





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## what progress have we made so far?

- Co ordination of efforts
- Adaptation and agreement on Falls Tool
- Interdisciplinary support for agreed Falls Tool.
- Agreement on Pilot sites
- Pilot sites representative of PCCC (Community, Mental Health etc), National Hospital Office.

## what results have we achieved?

- Proactive method of dealing with those at risk of Falls
- Proposed Risk Assessment tool in pilot sites has been good





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### what have i learned from doing this project? -



Planning -identify Key Stakeholders

Consultation -Inform, ownership buy in

Enthusiastic Staff- anxious to increase patient safety

Effective Interdisciplinary work is possible

Work in progress





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**what are the next steps for this project?**

- Finalise Standard Operating Procedure including Flow Chart
- Education and training in pilot sites
- Review and evaluation of pilot sites
- Full roll out following evaluation of pilot sites
- Ensure non duplication of efforts i.e. initial assessment travel with service user
- Ensure good communication systems in relation assessment
- Post Fall Process aid to deal with/evaluate outcomes of falls
- Consultation with service user

