



17th October 2017

RE: ADVERSE EVENT REPORTING IN THE HSE AND VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS

Dear Sirs,

As you may be aware one of the impacts of State Indemnity is that all State Indemnified State authorities, including the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Voluntary Hospitals, are legally obliged to report all adverse events promptly to the State Claims Agency (SCA). Adverse events should be reported using the National Incident Management System (NIMS). This is hosted by the SCA for the HSE, other Healthcare enterprises and other State authorities. The Department of Health, together with the HSE, have confirmed that this database is the primary recording and management system for all adverse events that occur in the HSE and Voluntary Hospitals.

Please note that entry to adverse events on the NIMS fulfils the statutory requirement to report adverse events to the SCA.

In the event that a health enterprise does not report all adverse events to the SCA, the SCA will reserve the right to manage or *not* manage any resulting claims. Should the SCA, for good reason, decide not to manage the claims, the cost of resolving the claim will require to be borne by the health enterprise.

Yours sincerely,

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