

EMERGENCY MEDICINE PROGRAMME

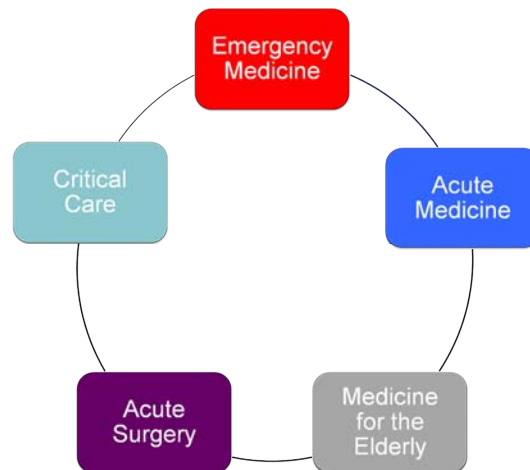


The overarching aim of the Emergency Medicine Programme is to improve the safety and quality of care in Emergency Departments and to reduce waiting times for patients.

The programme will develop models of care, best practice clinical guidelines, process measures and quality indicators for Emergency Medicine. It will draw upon best practice recommendations developed by other relevant QCCD programmes and will be implemented in an integrated manner with the Acute Medicine, Critical Care, Surgery and Medicine for the Elderly programmes.

Key Solution Areas

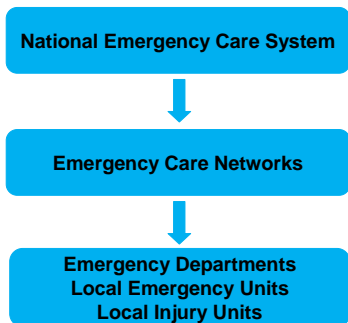
- Definition and development of a National Emergency Care System, composed of local Emergency Care Networks, with key collaboration between EDs and Pre-hospital care.
- Standardised National Clinical Guidelines including Pre-hospital Care and Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Quality indicators and process measures.
- Increased Consultant provided care in ED's
- Support implementation of QCCD National Programmes at 12 target sites with achievement of 6 hour Total ED Time target.
- Development of Paediatric Emergency Medicine .
- Dissemination of existing Best Practice through regional workshops, gap analysis and feedback .
- Workforce analysis and planning
- Development of multidisciplinary teams in Emergency Care



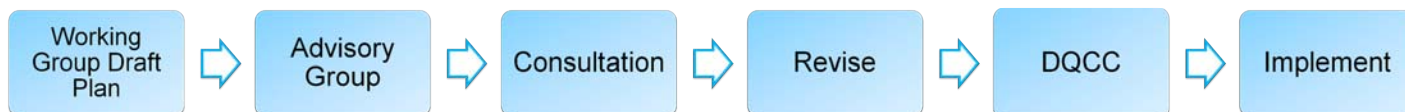
Acute Access Programmes

Programme Deliverables

- Standardised care in every ED
- Guidelines for top 20 conditions (e.g. pain management, abdominal emergencies, head injuries etc.)
- All critically ill patients will be seen by a Consultant in EM when on-site
- Reduced numbers of patients on trolleys in EDs, achievable through implementation of the Acute Medicine and Chronic Disease Programmes will save at least one life per week.



Emergency Medicine Programme Plan Timeline



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