

## **DML Excellence Awards 2016 Report**

**Project No: 196** – From An Acorn, an Oak tree grows. The evolution of the MDU

**Address:** our Lady's Hospital Crumlin

**Location:** Children's Hospital Group

### **Brief Description (up to 200 words)**

The MDU has progressed and evolved over the years, from a 4 bedded dedicated Day unit space, to its current capacity of 12 fully operational Day care beds. The Medical Day unit provides a five day week service, for a wide variety of conditions and treatments. In 2004 the Day Units activity increased by 5.8%, accommodating by both Day care treatments and Same Day Admission patients. Through Nurse led quality initiatives, the MDU has improved the patient day care experience

### **Main goal(s) and aims of the Project**

To implement initiatives in order to improve the service. This initiatives include:

Opening hours of the MDU – The MDU is now open 12 hours per day, five days a week.

Same day Admit patients – in 2014, 136 patients were admitted via the MDU as same day admission patients.

Streamlining of the process for patients receiving infusion therapy.

Participation in 'nurse led' sedation MRI/CT.

CMN now requests IV Cannulas for patients requiring infusions.

CNM can confirm the dose with ACU re infusions.

Dedicated Phlebotomy room with play specialist distraction therapy

### **Outline of Approach – main steps taken to implement the Project**

Review the patient day care journey and identify areas for improvement.