

**TOP PERFORMING
HOSPITALS IN 2nd
HYGIENE AUDIT
(Score 85%+)**

St. Luke's Rathgar
Mullingar
Eye & Ear, Dublin
Crumlin
Nenagh
St. John's, Limerick
South Tipperary
Mallow
Navan
Croom
Cappagh
The Coombe
St Luke's Kilkenny
Lourdes, Kilcreene
Ennis
Connolly, Blanch.
Rotunda
Cashel
Kerry General
Lourdes, Drogheda
UCH Galway
Regional Maternity,
Limerick
Waterford Regional
Louth
Sligo
St. James' Dublin
Naas
Wexford
Midwest Regional
Hollis Street
Temple Street

Hospitals clean up

Hospital hygiene is improving across the country. That's the good news for patients and their families.

Mary Harney launched the first-ever national hospital hygiene audit as part of her A&E Ten Point Plan.

Hygiene is now being checked independently – and unannounced – in 53 hospitals, with league tables published.

Two reports have been published so far.

The second report, 2006, said, “**Almost every hospital has increased its overall score since the first audit – 32 hospitals achieved good standard compared to 5 in the first audit**”.

The number of hospitals rated ‘poor’ was dramatically reduced from 26 to 2 between the first and second audits.

Hygiene standards are assessed throughout the hospital, from A&E to intensive care. And the public can see how well their local hospital is doing.

A third audit is due shortly. The HSE has now launched an advertising campaign to encourage hand-washing by staff and visitors. Infection control is complex and hygiene checks are a key part. Another innovation from Mary Harney.

For the future: “We will press for ever-cleaner hospitals until all reach a standard of excellence that is continuously raised higher.” Progressive Democrats Manifesto



**“Patients
deserve clean
hospitals. It’s
about patient
safety and
respect.**

**“You can only
manage what
you measure.
Measuring
hygiene and
publishing
the results
works.**

**“Hand
hygiene is
simple and
effective. We
can all play a
part in
hygiene and
infection
control.”**

Mary Harney

Let's finish the job

A&E TOP PERFORMING HOSPITALS

Congratulations to
hospitals where
no-one waited for
admission
(26/4/07)

- Portlaoise
- Nenagh
- Louth County
- Kilkenny
- South Tipperary
- Mayo General
- St. John's Limerick
- Tallaght
- Beaumont
- Kerry General
- Wexford
- Waterford
- Tullamore
- Mullingar

Hospitals where people
were admitted in **less
than 6 hours**

Naas
South Infirmary Cork
St Columcille's
St Michael's, Dun
Laoghaire
Navan
Monaghan
Letterkenny

A&E Improved 50%

- *patient waiting times down*
- *new beds at A&E for comfort and dignity*
- *most patients admitted in less than 6 hours*

Accident and Emergency services around the country have shown a real improvement.

It's been a top priority for Minister Mary Harney and the Government and the results are showing now. The front-line staff have made it happen in each hospital.

The numbers of people waiting for admission at A&E is down by at least 40 per cent and in some cases up to 60 per cent.

In a significant development, new beds have been provided at A&E in many hospitals for patients' comfort and dignity before they move to ward beds.

There are 32 hospitals with A&E departments. In most, patients needing admission to ward beds wait less than 6 hours.

The improvements come at a time when about 3,300 people a day attend A&E departments.

A national survey showed this January that 97% A&E patients feel they were treated with dignity and respect. Over three quarters were satisfied with the service. 9/10 people said would return to the same A&E.

For the future: "hospitals will be organised so that no-one will wait for admission or discharge at an A&E Department beyond six hours from the time they arrive." Progressive Democrats Manifesto



"People deserve fast, effective treatment at A&E provided by senior doctors."

"I believe in one A&E service for all. Patients must be treated in order of medical need."

"There will be one A&E for all at the hospitals with new co-location facilities."

Mary Harney

MAJOR HOME HELP INCREASES

In the last two years, we have also added over 2 million Home Help hours.

Home Help is a basic, and essential, service. It can mean helping an older person with household tasks.

Home Help workers also provide an unsung social service, supporting many older people with company and contact.

Increased Home Help hours don't get much attention in public debate, but they make a real difference in people's lives.

More Home Help is part of the real improvements in Health in Ireland.

5 times more home care packages

This year, there will be 5,000 home care packages to provide support for older people at home. That's five times more than when Mary Harney started in Health.

Home care packages are services like speech therapy, chiropody and physiotherapy tailored to each person's needs.

They are aimed at helping older people stay living at home rather than move into a nursing home when they really don't have to.

They are additional to the Home Help service.

This is an innovation in bringing care into the community. Home care packages started on a pilot basis in Dublin about four years ago. Now Mary Harney has brought this idea to the rest of the country.

In the future, nursing home care will be for older people with clear, high dependency needs. Most services should be at home.



"I believe older people deserve our highest respect."

"Services for older people are a top priority for me."

"We have to innovate and change to do more to support older people living at home."

"Home care packages are the future."

Mary Harney

For the future: "Continue the unprecedented expansion of community care for older people that we have put in place since 2005, with additional home care packages, home help hours and palliative care." Progressive Democrats Manifesto

Let's finish the job