



Title of Paper: <u>DoH Updated Plan – Elective Care Framework</u>		
For Decision Requires majority decision prior to implementation or action.	For Discussion Requires consideration & debate.	For Noting Contains information Members should be made aware of.

1.0 Background

The Elective Care Framework (ECF) was published in June 2021 by then Minister Swann setting out a five year plan to “Restart, Recover and Redesign” – a strategic framework for development and transformation for effective delivery of elective care services. The Framework set out firm, time bound proposals for how DoH planned to systematically tackle the backlog of patients waiting longer than Ministerial standards and how they would invest in and transform services to meet the population’s demands in future. An updated Plan was published in May 2024.

2.0 Key Issues

The Framework describes the targeted investment needed to get many more people treated as quickly as possible as well as reform to ensure long-term issues of capacity and productivity can be properly addressed.

The updated Plan details that while the implementation of the ECF has continued (27 actions completed and 21 actions close to being completed or underway), 7 actions are at risk to delivery due to a number of reasons including lack of recurrent funding, capacity issues and reprioritisation of resources. In addition, a number of new actions have been listed within this updated Plan.

3.0 Resources Implications (inc Organisational, Financial, Human Resources)

The updated Plan recognises that the ECF requires sustainable multi-year investment to deliver its intended benefits.

4.0 Impact on Safety, Quality and Experience (SQE)

None.

5.0 Key Risks and Proposals to Mitigate

Necessary resources being unavailable to deliver as set out within the ECF.

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