



## TIMELY QUALITY CARE

### PRINCIPLE 6

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# How is **SURGERY** recommitting to Principle Six?

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- Each patient will have a clinical pathway planned and presented to them and their family. For elective patients this will happen in pre admission, and for emergency patients as soon as the pathway is clear.

# How will **SURGERY** monitor our commitment to Principle Six?

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- Discharge planning will begin with the discussion of the clinical pathway and where necessary early involvement of Hospital in the Home, allied health and rehabilitation will be activated
- The afternoon "board round" will be used to monitor compliance and modify as necessary

# What actions will **SURGERY** take to ensure our commitment is sustained?

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- Discharge summaries, medications and any referrals not in progress will be completed the day before planned discharge.
- Any significant deviation from the clinical pathway will trigger a unit review/discussion including the whole management team to reassess the progress as a formal team meeting, repeated as necessary, until the pathway has been re-established.

- **Supply Chain Management in patient care.**

The design, planning, execution, control, and monitoring of patient journey activities with the objective of creating net value. This requires a competitive infrastructure, synchronizing service with demand and linking performance with outcomes.