In Safe Hands – Minimum Data Set

The following is a set of activity, quality & safety indicators that will be collected and compiled for the In Safe Hands Units. All indicators, unless specified, will be collected by CEC on behalf of the sites and compiled from Health Information Exchange.

Ward Mortality

This is a measure of crude mortality for the ward. Deaths per 1,000 ward separations.

Ward Length of Stay

This is a measure of how long on average patients stay in the ward. (Bed Days)

Ward Traffic

This is a measure of ward throughput. This counts the number of ward discharges for the reporting period.

Discharge by Day of Week

This is a measure of ward throughput. This counts the proportion of discharges (from the ward to **home** or **other facilities**), and grouped by the day of week.

Discharge by Hour of Day

This is a measure of ward throughput. This counts the proportion of discharges from the ward to any destination excluding deaths, grouped by the hour of day.

Transfer to ICU/HDU

This is a measure of patient deterioration for units that has an ICU/HDU within the hospital. If the ward is already a HDU then this definition will only apply if there's an ICU. This will be measured as a proportion of discharges.

Transfer to Palliative Care

This is a supplementary measure for Crude Mortality. This counts the proportion of ward discharges that went to a palliative care ward in the hospital, or the care type was changed to palliative.

Re-admission within 28 Days

This measures the number of discharges that had a re-admission back to the same hospital in less than 28 days.

Modes of Separation

This measures the types of discharges that occur at the ward level. This breaks down the ward discharge as:
- Type Change transfers
- Type Change transfers (to in hospital palliative care)
- Transfer to Palliative Care / Hospice
- Discharge to Home
- Transfer to Other Hospital
- Transfer to Nursing Home
- Deaths

MET Calls (Between the Flags) ^

This measures the number of red and Yellow flag events in the ward, by month and by 1,000 bed days.

Falls *

This measures the number of falls that occur in the ward, by month and by 1,000 bed days.

Pressure Ulcers *

This counts the number of Pressure Ulcer events in the ward by month and by 1,000 bed days.

Medication Prescription Errors *

This counts the number of Medication Prescription error events in the ward by month and by 1,000 bed days.

Hand Hygiene

This indicator shows the compliance of Hand Hygiene audits by the participating unit.

^ This will be submitted by the unit on a monthly basis from their MET Call Dataset. CEC will be on hand to work with sites in defining the export specification & methodology.

* This will be submitted by the unit on a monthly basis from their IIMS Database. CEC will be on hand to work with sites in defining the export specification & methodology. These indicators will be automated and collected by CEC on behalf of the site in the future.