## COmprehensive care – Miniminising Harm

## IMPROVEMENT PROJECT Brief Template

## Purpose

To highlight patient safety risks associated with xxxxxxx and to recommend that the xxxxx committee takes a lead role in governance of improvement activities to address these risks.

## Background

* The Clinical Excellence Commission’s Older persons’ patient safety programs recommend wards focus on elements of the Comprehensive - Care Minimising harm model.
* Following a review of the Comprehensive Care – Minimising harm model and a baseline audit on our ward we found that xxxx % of patients didn’t have xxxxxx
* Implementation of xxxx on a ward can be complex; a key element of successful international implementation programs is the use of quality improvement methodology.
* Quality improvement methodology requires a ward team to meet regularly and progress through the improvement methodology outlined in the Comprehensive Care – Minimising Harm toolkit.

## Issues

(Select issues below relevant to your health service and where possible insert local data from incident reports or audits to support the case for change)

* A recent base line audit showed that (insert percentage of patients) didn’t have a xxxx (eg post fall huddle, safe mobilisation plan, cognition screen, assessment and management plans )
* Currently safety huddles/post fall huddles/intentional rounding/ safe mobilisation is not occurring on xx ward
* Falls/Pressure Injury/Delirium/UTI rate on ward xxxx is xxxx/ per 1000 bed day/1000 separations
* The numbers of falls/pressure injury on ward xxxxx has increased from xxx(month/year) to xxxx(month/year)

## Recommendations

That this committee notes the patient safety risks highlighted and contributes to the improvement activities by: (list actions required of this committee, see list below for examples)

* Identifying stakeholders
* Establishing reporting and approval processes
* Identifying areas (wards/units) of the health service to initiate the improvement process
* Supporting the formation of a multidisciplinary quality improvement project team to:
  + Identify and enlist clinical champions
  + Establish general goals
  + Develop, implement and evaluate improvement strategies
  + Disseminate results and findings.
* Assist with overcoming barriers to implementation

**Contact:** (insert name of person co-ordinating the improvement project activities)

**Phone: Date:**