

# National Theatre Quality Improvement Programme (TQIP)



Clinical Strategy and Programmes Division



National Clinical
Programme in Surgery

RCSI DEVELOPING
HEALTHCARE
LEADERS
WHO MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
WORLDWIDE

Kieran Tangney<sup>(1)</sup>; Sinead Fitzpatrick<sup>(2)</sup>; Ken Mealy <sup>(3)</sup>; Jeremy Smith <sup>(4)</sup>; Grace Reidy <sup>(1)</sup>; Charlie Dineen <sup>(1)</sup>; Aileen O'Brien <sup>(4)</sup>; Una Quill <sup>(4)</sup>; Mary Flynn (3)

- 1: Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI);
- 2: Health Services Executive (HSE);
- 3: National Clinical Programme in Surgery
- 4: National Clinical Programme in Anaesthesia

### Introduction

In late 2016, a collaborative between the HSE Integrated Care Programme for Patient Flow, National Clinical Programme for Anaesthesia (NCPA), National Clinical Programme in Surgery (NCPS), supported by the HSE Quality Improvement division and the RCSI's Quality & Process Improvement Centre (QPIC) was established to oversee a sustainable theatre quality improvement programme.

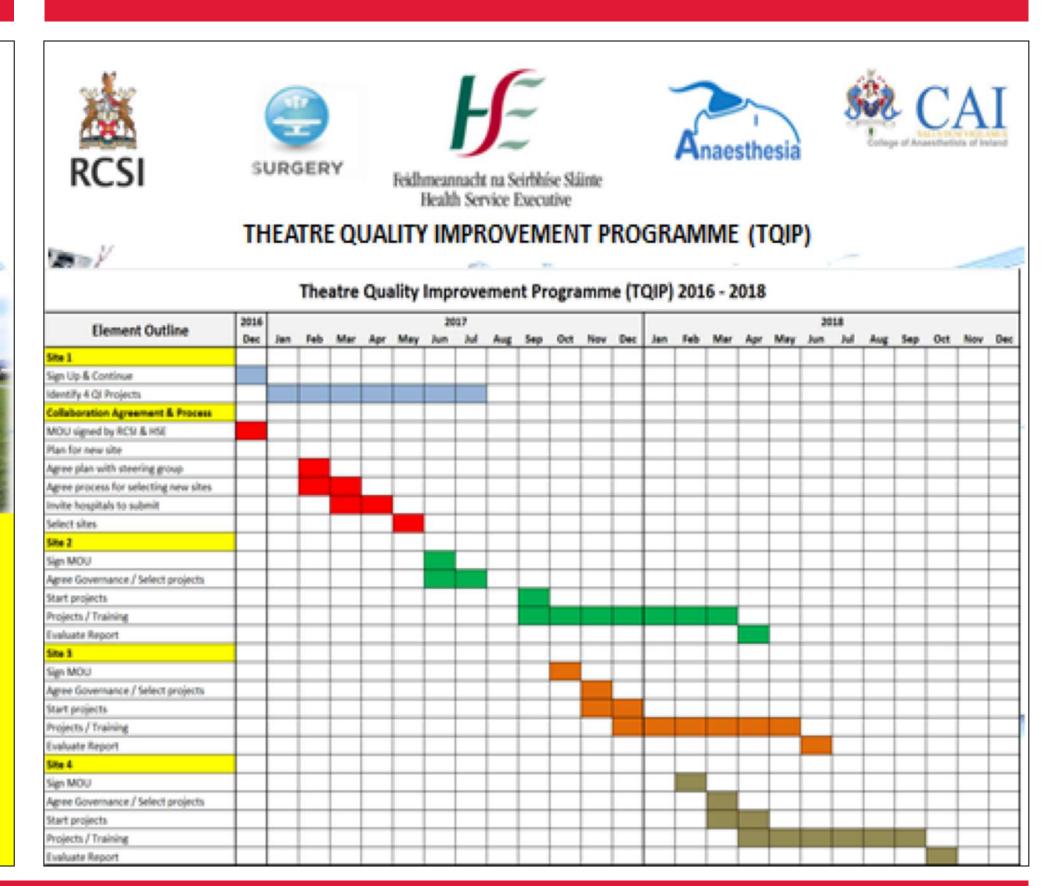
The programme includes a QI training programme for perioperative teams in selected sites and on-going support from the QPIC Quality Improvement Advisors and Nurse Leads. QI facilitation is seen as a key enabler based on feedback from previous work on the productive operating theatre programme. Site selection is based on agreed readiness assessment criteria. University Hospital Kerry was selected as the first site to participated in the programme and commenced in March 2017

# Aims & Theory

# RCSI SURGERY Fedhmeannacht na Seirbhise Släinte Health Service Executive THEATRE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (TQIP) University Hospital Kerry University Hospital Kerry Main Objectives

- 1. Improving Patient Experience and Outcomes
- 2. Improving the Safety, Quality and Reliability of Care
- 3. Team Performance and Staff Wellbeing
- 4. Adding Value and Improving Perioperative Efficiency
- 5. Organisational QI Capability, enabling a Culture of Continuous

## Timelines



# Methodology

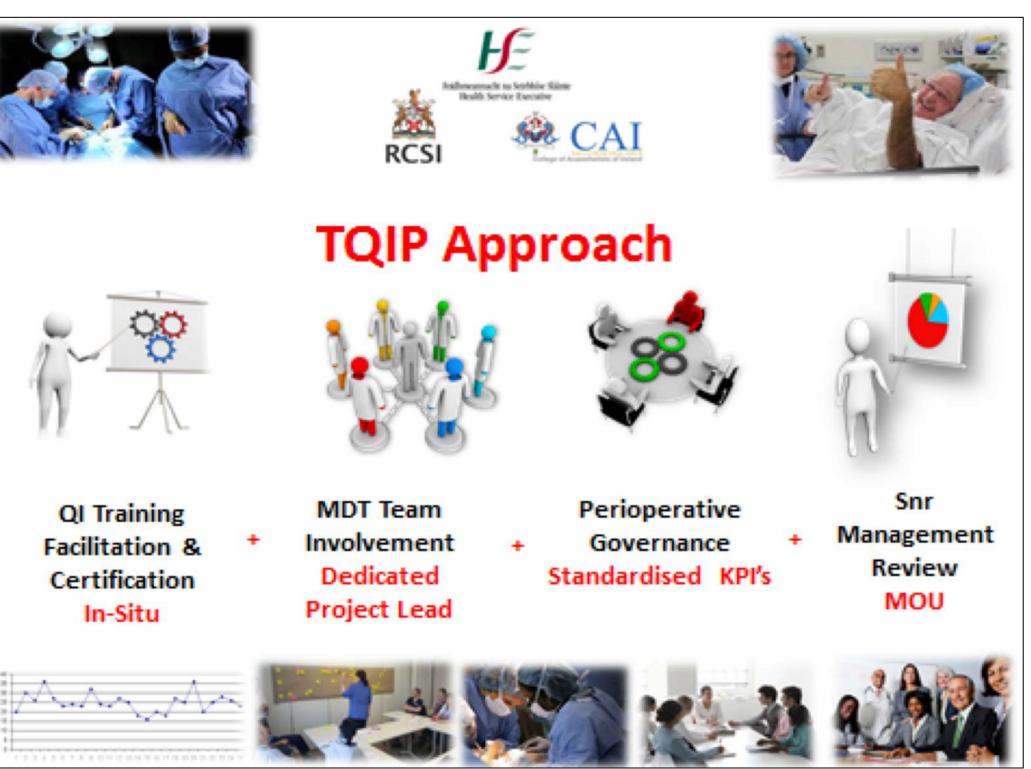
#### Facilitated Team Based QI Training



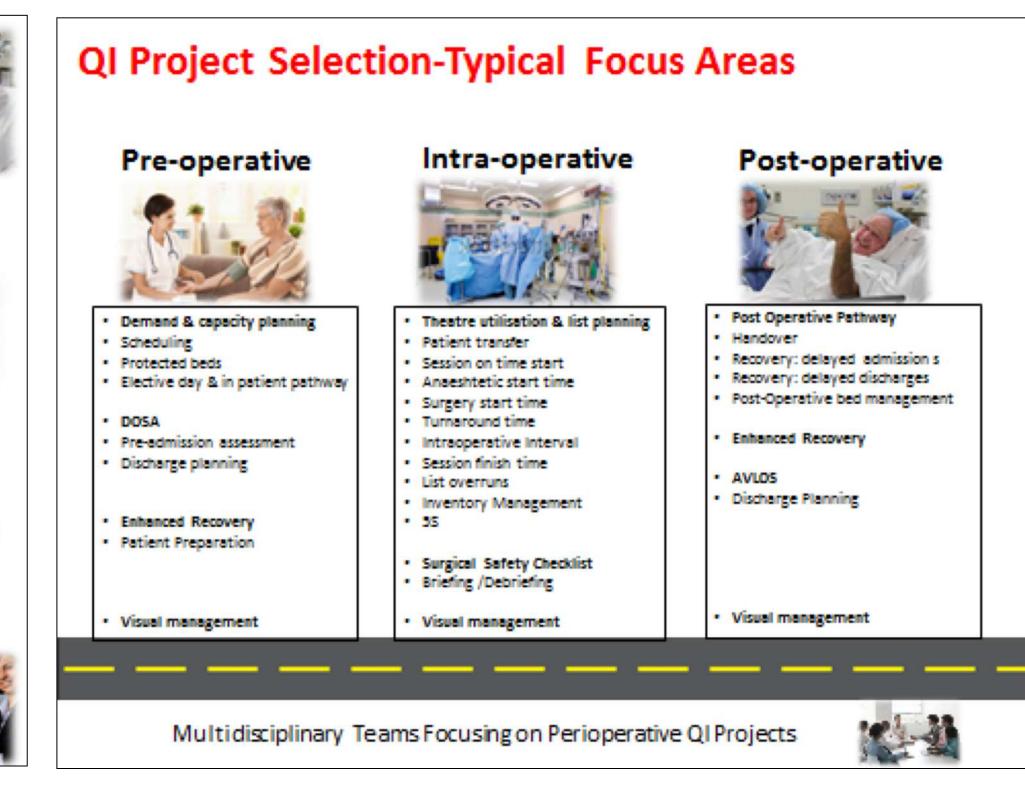
#### Approach

- ✓ Team-based QI training
- ✓ Working on real projects
- ✓ Learn while doing the solution is in the room
- ✓ Facilitated through each step of the improvement journey
- ✓ Experienced facilitators using clinical and systems design knowledge
  ✓ Supporting Sites to build Organisational QI Structures & Capability
- ✓ Supporting NCPA/NCPS/HSE

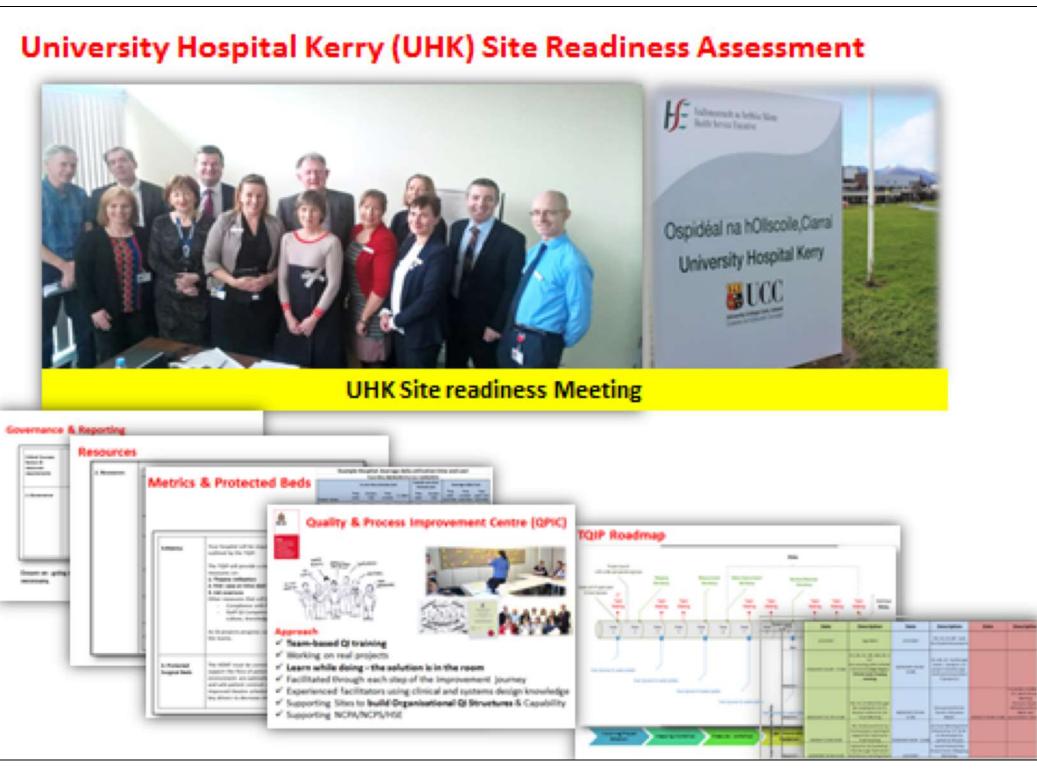
#### Structured Approach & KPI's



#### Targeted QI Projects on the Patient Pathway









# Sustainability & Transferability

The TQIP programme aims to support to development of internal QI capability in participating hospital sites. Multidisciplinary teams are trained in QI tools while delivering a number of projects that focus on key organisational performance metrics. The team will work through a number of facilitated projects following a structured QI methodology. The participating hospital also supports the programme by putting a dedicated internal QI lead and facilitator in place. This will support teams on the next QI projects which will support the development of a sustainable patient centred QI and continuous improvement culture. Appropriate perioperative governance to review and select future projects is also established during the programme.

# Conclusion & Discussion

Implementation of the programme at scale will improve patient flow and value for money through improved theatre efficiency (e.g. reduction in delays in start times, improved utilisation, reduced over runs and inventory costs), increased capability in the application of quality improvement tools with perioperative teams in the selected sites and increased uptake in other hospitals through demonstrated improvements in waiting lists and performance metrics.

Furthermore a central repository and QI knowledge sharing network for perioperative teams will be developed including HSE Perioperative Teams certified in QI methodologies following an accredited programme.