

## **About the National Early Warning Score**

The National Early Warning Score was the first National Clinical Guideline to be published . It was launched in February 2013. It clearly sets out how to recognise and respond to patients whose condition is deteriorating. This guideline has been designed for adults in acute hospitals and is based on international evidence of what is known to work best.

This National Clinical Guideline is now due for update. Updating involves a new systematic literature review to see what new evidence is available since the last review and the meaning of that evidence for the recommendations.

This work has already started. A tender was published in mid-2015 and awarded to University College Cork (UCC). The UCC research team are currently evaluating the evidence and their report is due in the first quarter 2016.