INDEPENDENT PATIENT SAFETY COUNCIL TERMS OF REFERENCE

- The Council will provide policy advice and guidance to the Department and the Minister for Health, as requested, on patient safety issues in line with a previously agreed programme of work to help prevent harm to patients and health service users.

- The Council will undertake its work on the basis of a work programme agreed with the Minister for Health so that, while independent in the carrying out of its duties, it can be assured that its efforts are being deployed in support of national policy priorities.

- The Council will work in support of the promotion of a culture of patient safety throughout the health services.

- The Council may examine the governance and implementation of policies and procedures as they relate to patient safety within the health service

- The Council will identify applicable best practices in relation to the particular patient safety matters under consideration and associated benchmarking opportunities.

- The Council will submit reports to the Minister in relation to its activities, including in an annual report, and in relation to particular patient safety policy matters, in line with its agreed work programme. The Minister may, in turn, publish said reports.