Additional File 5: Broadcast document

IMPORTANT PATIENT INFORMATION

A quality improvement evaluation is being conducted at ……..Hospital.

The improvement project is being led by Dr ……. from the Department of ……..

Why is this quality improvement evaluation being done?

We are improving the way we care for our patients after an operation by using a new system called “5R’s to Rescue.” The “5R’s to Rescue” project aims to improve how we identify patients who are at high risk of complications after surgery, how we recognise complications earlier after surgery when they occur, how we respond earlier, and how we learn from each case. Through this evaluation, we aim to understand whether this project will improve how our patients recover after surgery.

Why are we telling you about this project evaluation?

All surgical patients in this hospital are part of this quality improvement initiative. It is a requirement that some details of your clinical care will be collected and entered into a project evaluation folder. We need to share this information with other hospitals so that together we can understand how surgical patients respond to the improved care given by the surgical and nursing teams. Any information that identifies you, for example your name, will be removed before the information is shared.

Will this quality improvement project affect my care while I am in hospital?

Yes. We have developed the project to improve the care you receive. This includes identifying if you might be at greater risk of problems after your surgery and using an early warning system to alert the doctors and nurses if you are very ill. We will also be giving advice on how to provide improved care while you are in hospital.

Will my name or any personal details be kept by this project evaluation?

No. Your name and personal details will not be kept as part of this project evaluation. All information that is collected will be kept strictly confidential.

Are there any risks or benefits associated with this project?

We hope that the project will result in improvements in care for patients who have had surgery which will be a benefit.

Who should I contact if I have any questions or concerns?

Please contact Dr …….. on telephone……..