

Stepping into the breach: experience of RANP's as lead clinicians in an Injuries Unit

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Chronology of events

- The IU in Nenagh became the first IU in the country to be solely RANP led over 3 days in September 2017
- While it may have resulted from medical manpower issues the RANP's were ready and able to take advantage
- Our posts are rotational and therefore our CPA's & x-ray prescribing cross all sites
- Locally we have been trying to progress RANP led IU's in the group as advocated by the EMP and have presented a Business Case to the CDONMH in 2016
- While this was well received management have concerns re OOC patients presenting and how they would be safely managed

Patient presentations

- Over the 3 days a total of 69 new patients were seen and treated
- This included 3 OOC presentations
- All were assessed, stabilised and transferred to ED UHL
- There were also 2 admissions to CDU, UHL.

What next??

- We have proven that RANP's can effectively and efficiently manage the leading causes of patient attendances in the IU
- New impetus on progressing RANP led units from ED consultants, ODOs and management
- Progressing additional RANP posts locally within the IU's
- Reviewing and updating Business Case to keep us in the spotlight and service plan 😊

Thank you

