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25 April 2018

Dear Colleague

**Re: Thematic Review – Report on the regional analysis of
SAIs and AIs relating to choking on food**

Please find attached a report which provides a thematic analysis and evaluation of Serious Adverse Incidents (SAIs) and adverse incidents (AIs) relating to choking on food.

The thematic review endeavours to provide a better understanding of why incidents occur through the analysis of trends and patterns and identifies the underlying causes and contributing factors relating to the incidents.

The themes identified through analysis of SAIs and AIs, reinforce a need for co-ordinated efforts to facilitate learning and inform future quality improvement work with an aim of prevention or reduction of risk of choking in future.

The report identifies 7 actions for Health and Social Care, which the Regional Adult Dysphagia Group have been asked to engage with relevant stakeholders to consider the actions and develop an action plan with clear timeframes for completion and implementation.



ACTION REQUIRED:

HSC Trusts:

- Please disseminate this report to all relevant staff in your organisation.

RQIA:


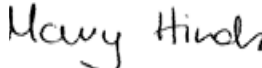

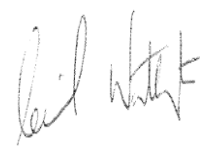
- Please disseminate this report to relevant independent sector providers.

HSCB:

- Please disseminate this report to GP Practices, GP Out-of-hours services, Community Pharmacies and Dental Practices.

If you have any queries regarding this report, please contact grainne.cushley@hscni.net

Yours sincerely

Date Issued	25 April 2018			
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