**Irish Hospital Consultants Association (IHCA) on the Minister for Health’s speech at the MacGill Summer School on publishing morbidity and mortality rates for individual consultants:**

Donal Duffy, Assistant Secretary General of the IHCA, said:

‘The IHCA is in favour of patients receiving all information relevant to making an informed decision about their care programme. We welcome the Minister’s proposal to publish waiting list figures for individual consultants, which will provide further evidence that the demands on our healthcare system currently exceed the capacity available.

The  Minister’s plan to publish morbidity and mortality rates for individual consultants will not in its proposed form help patients to make informed decisions. Healthcare is increasingly delivered by multi disciplinary teams, often across different hospital sites within networks. To link morbidity and mortality to one particular factor or individual  involved in  a patient’s care may not be the most appropriate way to reassure patients of the safety of their hospital or hospital group.’

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