

# Acute Hospital Quality Improvement Grant 2019

## Mallow General Hospital

### Our Quality Improvement Goal

- In our utilisation of this quality improvement grant we aim to promote independence and engagement in meaningful activities for patients with dementia by improving the layout and orientation of St Mary's Ward, by providing opportunity for sensory stimulation and by improving dementia awareness amongst staff and family members.

### Our Quality Improvement Objectives

- Providing an environment that is geographically easier to navigate by the introduction of colour, pictures and signage.
- Minimising unnecessary noise by eliminating the present wander guard system and its alarm and introducing a swipe only access and intercom system.
- Aid patient orientation by the introduction of digital clocks displaying time, day and month.
- Introduction of dementia awareness education for all staff within the hospital.
- Introduction of activity boxes, activity aprons and blankets onto the ward to alleviate boredom by providing sensory stimulation.