



PRESS STATEMENT

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**MRSA at Erne Hospital - Update**

The Western Health and Social Care Trust has confirmed that it is to start to admit patients to Ward 9 at the Erne Hospital following its closure after a number of patients were found to be carriers of the MRSA bacterium.

Alan Finn, Director of Primary Care and Older People's Services with the Trust, commended the work of all staff in managing the situation in a timely and sensitive manner and thanked the community for its patience and cooperation.

The Western Trust will continue to remain vigilant and take all the necessary steps to deal with infection control issues as they arise.

Visitors to hospitals should always remember to use the alcohol gel provided to disinfect their hands on entry and before leaving hospital wards. This is vital in helping to prevent the spread of any harmful infection throughout the hospital setting.

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