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**Re: Change over to use of the International Dysphagia Diet Standardisation Initiative (IDDSI) Framework in Ireland, commencing September 2019**

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Further to my previous memo regarding this initiative dated 21<sup>st</sup> May 2019 and attached here, I wish to update you regarding preparations for transitioning from existing dysphagia descriptors used in Ireland to IDDSI descriptors, which will begin from September 2019.

A suite of educational resources and recommended training for various staff have been developed and are now available on hseland.ie. I attach an access guide to the share centre where these resources can be found.

I would be grateful if service managers could be informed of this development and that this communication is forwarded to relevant service managers in acute and community settings to support the transition to IDDSI Framework. A suggested circulation list is attached for convenience.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms Jackie Reed,  
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## **Circulation List**

### **Acute Services**

- Hospital CEOs
- Chief Operations Officers
- Clinical Directors
- Directors of Nursing
- Heads of Service
- Speech and Language Therapy Managers
- Dietitian Managers
- Nutrition and Hydration Steering Committees
- Catering Managers

### **Community Services**

- Dietitians
- S&L Therapists
- Nursing
- Area Medical Officers Primary Care
- Catering Staff
- GPs
- Pharmacists
- All residential and day care settings across the community
- Mental Health Approved Centres
- Section 38s and 39s
- Home helps and meals on wheels

