HSE Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive

Tús Áite do
Shábháilteacht Othar
Patient Safety First

ACUTE MEDICINE

National Early Warning Score and associated Education Programme

ISBAR
Communication Tool

I **Identify**	**Identify: You, Doctor, Patient** Is this Dr. _____? This is _____ *(e.g Mary, I am team leader on 7A)* I am calling about _____ *(e.g Mr David Jones)*
S **Situation**	**Situation: Why are you calling?** I am calling because _____ *(e.g Total EWS of 6 or 3 in a single parameter)* Resp Rate _____ Sats _____ O_2 Delivery _____ Temp _____ Heart Rate _____ BP _____ Urinary Output _____ LOC _____ *(only use abnormal reading initially)*
B **Background**	**Background: What is relevant background?** They are _____ years old Admitted for _____ Recent surgery or procedures _____ Relevant past medical/surgical history _____ They currently have _____ *(e.g. IV fluids, Urinary Catheter, PCA)*
A **Assessment**	**Assessment: What do you think is the problem?** I think _____ *(e.g they are hypovolaemic)* *(you can skip this if they don't know what is wrong)*
R **Recommendation**	**Recommendation: What do you want them to do?** I would like you to _____ *(e.g come and review him please)* Is there anything you would like me to do before you get here?