# ISBAR₃ Communication Tool for Shift Handover

Guidance to be read in conjunction with National Clinical Guideline No. 5
Communication (Clinical Handover) in Maternity Services

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### Identify
- Lead handover person
- Individuals/Team receiving handover
- Patient(s)

### Situation
- Location of patient(s)
- Brief summary of current status
- Is there a problem?

### Background
- Concise summary of reason for admission
- Summary of treatment to date
- Baseline observations (current admission)
- Vital Signs: BP, Pulse, Resps, $S_O2$, ($O_{2}$), Temp, AVPU
- IMEWS (include previous IMEWS if appropriate)
- NEWS (include previous NEWS if appropriate)

### Assessment
- What is your clinical assessment of the patient at present?

### Recommendation
- Specify your recommendations
- Read-Back: Recipients to confirm handover information
- Risk: Include the safety pause to identify possible risks

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**Further information**

- [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie)