

Katie Murphy, Cystic Fibrosis Ireland



“Patient empowerment is something which has been instilled both in my mind and my heart, shaping a great proportion of my professional and personal life. I believe it is essential that patients are equipped with the skills and knowledge to make informed decisions about their health care and to empower patients to take control over their illness. After all, we are the primary managers of our illness for a great proportion of the time.”

“This micro level view of patient empowerment has developed and grown alongside my professional development. I have gained invaluable experience from working with the National representative body for people with CF (PWCF) about the broader sense of patient empowerment and involvement in every discipline which impacts on a patient’s healthcare, from policy development, research projects, medicines development and drug reimbursement.”

Expertise / areas of interest:

EUPATI Trainee, BA in Psychology, MA in Health Promotion

- Member of the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics & Outcomes Research (ISPOR) patient representative round table
- My current role with Cystic Fibrosis Ireland is Senior Research & Policy Coordinator- with a keen interest in ensuring the patient voice is captured & involved in research & policy decisions effecting people living with CF
- Member of the Board for the Medical & Research Charities Group - who are the playing a key role in ensuring Public & Patient Involvement (PPI) in Research in Ireland and leading this policy change in Ireland, as well as ensuring the patient perspective is included in research
- I have a particular interest in highlight the need for more formal involvement of patients and patient organisations in the Health Technology Assessment for the reimbursement of new therapies
- Spoken at a number of conferences, particularly focussing on patient involvement in the medicines development process & access to orphan drugs - focussing on Cystic Fibrosis

Patient Involvement Experience:

- Patient representative on the national project - ‘Future of Pharmacy Care in Ireland’
- Patient representative on the committee for the development of a National Clinical Programme for Cystic Fibrosis in Ireland
- Board member of the Medical & Research Charities Group
- Will support the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics (NCPE) on a research project aiming to look at ‘patient preferences for health’
- Recently carried out a research project aiming to capture the patient perspective in ‘treatment & what matters to patients & their families’