

Monday, 13 July 13:00-14:15

An online discussion on the future for public and patient involvement in healthcare in Ireland



Chair: Professor Deirdre Madden (UCC)

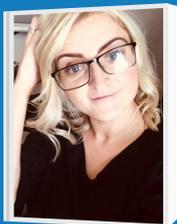
Deirdre Madden is Professor of Law at UCC. She was previously Chairperson of the Commission on Patient Safety and Quality Assurance which published its Report 'Building a Culture of Patient Safety' in July 2008. Deirdre has served on a number of healthcare expert advisory groups and is currently Deputy Chairperson of the HSE Board.

Panelists



Damien Nee - Patient Advocate

Damien is the public/patient representative on the Expert Advisory Group to the National Public Health Emergency Team (NPHE). He also serves as a patient representative on the Irish National ICU Audit Governance Committee (within the National Office of Clinical Audit). He was also involved in setting up the heroes-aid.com charity during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Grace Rattigan - Patient Advocate

Grace is a well-known blogger based in Dublin. Her blog (and Instagram page) Frilly Flossy was her first foray into the online world and she touched thousands of people with her heartbreaking account of grief and loss having lost her mother to cervical cancer. An audit of the screening programme later found that her mother, Catherine Reck, was one of the 17 women who died from cancer due to a delayed diagnosis. Grace is currently a patient representative with the National Screening Service.



Prof. Orla Hardiman - Consultant Neurologist

Prof. Hardiman is a Consultant Neurologist at Beaumont Hospital, Professor of Neurology and Head of the Academic Unit of Neurology in Trinity College Dublin and the HSE National Clinical Lead for Neurology. Dr. Hardiman has become a prominent advocate for neurological patients in Ireland, and for patients within the Irish health system generally. She is co-Founder of the Neurological Alliance of Ireland, and Doctors Alliance for Better Public Healthcare.



Sarah O'Connor - CEO, The Asthma Society.

Sarah is the CEO of The Asthma Society. She understands the challenges that people face in managing their asthma due to her personal experience with the condition. She is a member of the Sláintecare Advisory Council and a Board Member of IPPOSI.



Geraldine Kelly - CEO Alpha-1 Foundation

Geraldine is the CEO Alpha-1 Foundation Ireland which provides support to Alpha patients and their families. She works closely with the RCSI research team promoting research into Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency and access to clinical trials for emerging therapies. Geraldine is a director on the board of Health Research Charities Ireland (HRCI) and collaborates with IPPOSI The Irish Lung Health Alliance, the Irish Donor Network, COPD Ireland and Rare Disease Ireland to influence healthcare policy.