



National Clinical Programmes Conference Day 2022
Friday 07th October, Croke Park
Recovery, Resilience and Reform
#3RsBetterHealthNCP2022

Speaker Biographies

Dr Colm Henry



Dr Colm Henry was appointed as **Chief Clinical Officer** of the HSE in April 2018. He previously served as the National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Acute Hospitals from 2014 – 2018, National Lead for the Clinical Director Programme from 2012 to 2014 and Clinical Director of the Mercy University Hospital Cork from 2009 to 2012. Following medical qualification, he underwent training initially in Ireland and completed higher specialty training in Scotland. He returned to Ireland following his appointment to the Mercy University Hospital as Consultant Geriatrician in 2002. As the HSE’s first Chief Clinical Officer, he is responsible for aligning clinical expertise and leadership across the healthcare system from service and policy design to planning and implementation. A core function of the post is the design and implementation of clinical models of care to respond to and meet the challenges of healthcare in the 21st century. His office also is responsible for setting quality and patient safety standards across the health system and ensuring these are met. He is accountable for a number of key national services such as the National Cancer Control Programme and National Screening Service as well as Public Health Reform. Dr Henry has led the clinical response within the HSE to the COVID-19 Pandemic since the first case emerged in February 2019. He has also provided clinical leadership to the HSE Vaccine programme and its rollout to the Irish population. He attended University College Dublin where he obtained his MB BCh BAO in 1988, and the National University of Ireland, Galway, where he received a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in the Irish language 2017. Dr Henry is originally from Cavan Town and now lives in Cork with his family.

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Mr Stephen Donnelly



Mr Stephen Donnelly **TD** is the **Minister for Health**. He was appointed to this role in June 2020. He has been a TD for the Wicklow constituency since the 2011 General Election. As Minister for Health, he is leading the reform of healthcare in Ireland by introduction of Sláintecare, as the Department of Health aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Ireland by keeping people healthy, providing the healthcare people need, delivering high quality services and getting best value from health system resources.

 @DonnellyStephen @roinnsainte @Slaintecare @HealthyIreland

Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain



Dr Siobhán Ní Bhriain commenced her role as **HSE National Clinical Director, Integrated Care**, in February 2020, having previously been the NCAGL, Mental Health, since Jan 2019. Her role involves oversight of the National Clinical Programmes (NCPs) and she provides senior clinical leadership in the HSE for many other initiatives, including the ADMA, clinical response to the Ukrainian Crisis, Long Covid and others. Siobhán is a Consultant Psychiatrist for Older Persons and was previously Clinical Director for the TUH/SJH MHS, as well as Chair of the Medical Board in TUH

@HSE_CDI

Dr Philip Crowley



Dr Philip Crowley is the **National Director for Strategy and Research** in the Health Services Executive (the national organisation that delivers public health services in Ireland). In his previous national health service roles over the last 10 years he was National Lead for Quality and Patient Safety and National Lead for Quality Improvement. He leads on strategic planning, research, population health and wellbeing, global health, human rights and performance reporting to the HSE Board. He is a graduate of the Advanced Training Programme in Healthcare Delivery Improvement, Intermountain Healthcare Salt Lake City Utah. He is a doctor who works part-time as a General Practitioner. He worked for five years in Nicaragua, trained in public health in Newcastle Upon Tyne and worked for 6 years as Deputy Chief Medical Officer in the Department of Health.

@crowley_philip

Mr Stephen Mulvany

Mr Stephen Mulvany is **Acting CEO** of the HSE. Prior to this Mr Mulvany was HSE Chief Financial Officer. He is an accountant who has worked in the health service for over 20 years and will serve as HSE's Interim Chief Executive until a successor to Mr Reid is appointed. He has worked in many roles with the HSE, including National Director, Mental Health, Regional Director of Operations, Dublin North East and Hospital Network Manager

Mr Damion McCallion



Damien McCallion is currently the **Chief Operations Officer** in the HSE. Prior to this, he has held a number of role in the HSE including the Head of COVID Vaccination, COVID Test & Trace, National Screening Services, Integrated Services in North West, National Ambulance Services, Human Resources and ICT. He has also served as chairperson of the cross border health group, CAWT.

@MccallionDamien

Prof Samuel Cromie

Professor Samuel Cromie is **Director of the Centre for Innovative Human System**, TCD and works with a team of highly experienced and dedicated researchers, to address the real challenges faced by diverse sectors, to produce solutions that put people front and centre. The focus of Samuel's research has been on developing a sophisticated understanding of the application of human factors and safety management principles in real operational situations. Samuel has 28 years' experience of action research in healthcare, aviation, pharmaceutical, process, manufacturing and maritime sectors and



has worked with great organisations such as Aer Lingus, HSE, The Coombe, UH Waterford, Irish Rail, Rolls Royce, Airbus, British Airways, SAS, Cathay Pacific, EASA, Pfizer, BP and Statoil. He has served on the JAA Maintenance Human Factors Subcommittee, working groups of the European Aviation Maintenance Training Committee and as an advisor to the HSE National Incident Management Team and Quality and Patient Safety Directorate. He also runs a training and consultancy business, delivering tailored human factors and safety management solutions to the aviation sector. This keeps his implementation focus sharp– the solution has to work for the end user.

@CIHS_Trinity @sam_cromi

Mr Pat Healy



Pat Healy is the HSE **National Director, Clinical Programme Implementation & Professional Development.**

Bio is pending

Dr Paul Kavanagh



Paul is a medical doctor, **Specialist in Public Health Medicine**, and has worked across different parts of the health system on a range of projects, programmes and strategic initiatives including quality and safety, medical education and training, tobacco control and population-based planning. He currently works in the National Health Intelligence Unit, and is also a member of the boards for the Faculty of Public Health Medicine and the Institute of Public Health in Ireland.

Mr Fran Thompson



Fran Thompson is the **HSE Chief Information Officer** and has over 25 years health ICT leadership experience and has a comprehensive understanding and practical application of transformation and change management within the health sector. Before his appointment as Interim Chief Information Officer, Fran was the Programme Director for the Strategic e-Health Programme for the Office of the CIO. Fran has been involved with all aspects of ICT and has played a leading role in delivering various projects and programmes including Hospital Administration and Hospital Clinical systems, Primary Care messaging solutions and Health Finance solutions

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Prof Richard Greene



Professor Richard Greene is the **HSE Chief Clinical Information Officer**. He is a graduate of Trinity College Dublin, currently a Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at CUMH; Director of the National Perinatal Epidemiology Centre (NPEC) and Professor of Clinical Obstetrics, UCC. The main focus in his current role is to assist the development of digital health and support clinical staff to adopt digital approaches to improve health and wellbeing

@dickgreene5 @eHealthIreland

Jean Kelly



Jean Kelly is **Clinical Lead and Operational Site Manager for the Vaccine Programme in CHO2** and is a Retired Chief Director of Nursing for the Saolta Group. She is Lead for the development of a Patient Engagement Roadmap since 2019 and previously involved in the roll out of Schwartz Rounds in the HSE

@saoltagroup @CHO2west

Irene Maguire

Irene Maguire is a **Senior Physiotherapist** with almost 30 years of clinical experience in innovation, specialising in paediatrics and Cystic Fibrosis. She was Project Lead for the design and successful implementation of a novel CF Physiotherapy Telehealth service across the Saolta Healthcare Group. She is a Schwartz Rounds Facilitator in Galway University Hospital and a Mentor for numerous Schwartz Rounds teams across the HSE. Irene is currently working as a Project Manager for urology services in Saolta, prior to which she was Project Manager for the development of the National Health Services Patient Engagement Roadmap.

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Dr Gerry McCarthy

Dr Gerry McCarthy is the **HSE Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for Emergency Medicine and Consultant in Emergency Medicine** in CUH. He has been in this role since 2015. He has worked as a consultant in Emergency Medicine for the last 27 years, working in Cork University Hospital since 2001. He is interested in the delivery of the optimum quality of care to each emergency patient, while remaining mindful of the enormous quantum of care that needs to be delivered to all patients seeking unscheduled care and figuring out how best to achieve those goals.

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Link to Publication: <https://emnow.ie/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Emergency-Medicine-in-Ireland-During-the-Covid-19-Pandemic-Years-Like-No-Other.pdf>

Dr Mike O'Connor

Dr Mike O'Connor is the **National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead (NCAGL) for Acute Operations**. He is a Consultant Geriatrician working at the Cork University Hospital and St Finbarr's Hospital since 2001. He graduated from UCC in 1991 and completed his higher medical training in Geriatric Medicine and General Medicine in Ireland and London. He was the Clinical Director for Medicine at CUH from 2013 to 2019. His interests include quality improvement, health services reform, value-based healthcare, patient safety and medical education. In September 2021, Dr O'Connor took up the post of National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead (NCAGL) for Acute Operations. This role involves providing clinical advice and guidance to all aspects of acute hospital care including serious incident management, quality and safety and process improvement. He leads on 16 clinical programmes whose remit is to design clinical models of care and patient pathways that are evidence-based, quality assured, feasible and pragmatic and to support their implementation within an effective governance arrangement.

Dr Sarah O'Brien

Dr Sarah O'Brien is a **Specialist in Public Health Medicine and Deputy NCAGL, Chronic Disease**, within the HSE Office of the NCAGL for Chronic Disease, HSE. Sarah graduated



from the UCD School of Medicine before working in Emergency Medicine in both rural and urban Australia. Upon her return to Ireland, Sarah trained as a General Practitioner with the TCD-HSE School of General Practice. Through her clinical experience working across a variety of urban, rural and disadvantaged settings, Sarah developed a keen interest in chronic disease management and health service improvement which spurred her on to undertake a Masters in Public Health Medicine and to complete Higher Specialist Training in Public Health Medicine. Sarah has been working as part of the NCAGL Team for Chronic Disease since 2019.

Dr Suzanne Kelly

Dr Suzanne Kelly is the **National ICGP Lead for Diabetes**. Dr Suzanne Kelly is a GP in Ballincollig, Co Cork. She is the current ICGP HSE Lead for Integrated Care in Diabetes and the current chairperson of the Diabetes in General Practice group in Munster.

Dr Stanley DW Miller

Dr Stanley DW Miller is a Consultant Respiratory Physician at Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Associate Clinical Professor UCD School of Medicine, **Lead for Integrated Respiratory Care Mater Hospital/ CHO 9** and is the **National Clinical Lead for NCP Respiratory**. Dr Stanley Miller is a graduate and scholar of Trinity College, Dublin and is a Fellow Elect of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. He has a background in basic science research relating to alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency and was awarded his MD by the National University of Ireland (NUI) in 2008. He was a European Respiratory Society Research Fellow in non-invasive ventilation (NIV) at St. James' University Hospital, Leeds and subsequently spent 11 years as a Consultant Respiratory Physician at St. James' University Hospital, Leeds where he was Lead Respiratory Physician for the Leeds Integrated COPD Service and the Leeds Virtual Respiratory Ward. His clinical subspecialty interests include integrated respiratory care, alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency, non-invasive ventilation, and Sleep.

Dr Emer Ahern




Dr Emer Ahern is the **National Clinical Advisor & Group Lead Older Persons, Clinical Design & Innovation**, Health Service Executive. Dr Emer Ahern is a Consultant Trauma & Orthogeriatrician in Cork University hospital and was appointed NCAGL for Older Persons in May 2022. She qualified from UCC and completed her postgraduate and specialist training in Ireland and Merseyside respectively. She is focused on the delivery of exceptional & safe healthcare to older adults, in age friendly environments and by age attuned staff that is informed by evidence & improved by data. She developed & led the Irish Hip Fracture Database and is Chair of the global Fragility Fracture Network Hip Fracture Audit Group. Dr Ahern sponsors the rehabilitation work stream for the Major Trauma Program and led in pioneer NCPOP sites in Kilkenny & Cork.

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Sinead Coleman

Sinead Coleman is the **Programme Manager for the National Clinical Programme for Stroke**. She commenced her role in May 2022. Ms. Coleman has a background in physiotherapy – stroke and older person rehabilitation. She has a Master's degree in both Neurology & Gerontology and Research.

 @SineadAColeman

Martina O'Reilly



Martina O'Reilly is the **Programme Manager, National Clinical Programme for Palliative Care and Senior PCOC Project Manager**. Martina was seconded part time to the role of Programme Manager for the National Clinical Programme in Palliative Care in August 2022. Formerly the Head of Education, Research and Quality at Milford Care Centre (2014 to 2022), Martina has more than 20 years' experience working in palliative care. Martina also works part time as the Senior Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC) Project Manager.

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Helen Kavanagh



Helen Kavanagh is the **Programme Manager for the National Clinical Programme for Rehabilitation Medicine**. Helen commenced her role in September 2022. A physiotherapist by background, she completed a Post-Graduate Certificate in Health Project Management in 2022


Prof Vincent Russell

Professor Vincent Russell is the **National Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for Self-Harm and Suicide-related Ideation and is Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, RCSI**. Formerly the Clinical Director of Cavan Monaghan Mental Health Service, he has worked in both clinical and academic settings in Canada and Malaysia, as well as Ireland. Main clinical & research interests include home treatment for acute psychiatric illness and primary care liaison psychiatry

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Dr Karen O'Connor

Dr Karen O'Connor works within the Home Based Treatment Team & RISE. She is the **HSE National Clinical Lead for NCP, Early Intervention in Psychosis** and also works across the South Lee Mental Health Services, Cork. Dr O Connor is a Consultant Psychiatrist and is a graduate of University College Cork. She completed most of her postgraduate training in psychiatry in Dublin and a fellowship at Orygen Youth Mental Health Service in Melbourne, Australia. Dr O Connor has a Medical Doctorate in Early Intervention in Psychosis.

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Dr Margo Wrigley

Dr Margo Wrigley is the **National Clinical Lead for HSE Specialist Perinatal Mental Health Programme and for the Adult ADHD National Clinical Programme**. She is a Consultant Psychiatrist, now working with HSE Mental Health National Clinical Programmes, Dr Steevens' Hospital. She previously worked as HSE National Clinical Lead for Mental Health; prior to that as Executive Clinical Director, Dublin Northwest and Central Mental Health service. Her main interest is in service design and implementation. She has designed a national service model in Psychiatry of Old Age, having set up its first service in Ireland, designed Mental Health Intellectual Disability Service for Dublin Northeast (now implemented) and Mental Health Service for People who are Deaf.

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Prof Mac MacLachlan

Professor Mac MacLachlan is the **Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for People with Disabilities (NCPPD)**; Professor of Psychology and Social Inclusion, and Co-director of the ALL (Assisting Living & Learning) Institute at Maynooth University. He is Research & Innovation Lead for WHO's Global Collaboration on Assistive Technology (GATE) programme and from 2014-2019 was Knowledge Management Lead for the United Nations' Partnership for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNPRPD).

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Dr Ciara Martin

Dr Ciara Martin is a **Consultant in Paediatric Emergency Medicine and National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Children and Young People**, within the Office of Chief Clinical Officer, HSE. Ciara Martin is the first person to be appointed to the role of NCAGL (National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead) for Children and Young People. She moved to this post in December 2021 and is now working in the HSE as part of the senior management team within the Clinical Design and Innovation function in the Office of the Chief Clinical Officer, HSE. She is a Paediatric Consultant specialising in Emergency Medicine

 @drcliara

Dr Ellen Crushell


Dr Ellen Crushell is the **HSE Co-Clinical Lead for NCP Paediatrics and Neonatology**. Dr Ellen Crushell, a UCC graduate, qualified as a general paediatrician and then specialised in inherited metabolic disorders in Dublin and Toronto. She is a Consultant Paediatrician, with special interest in inherited metabolic disorders at CHI at Temple St and Crumlin. She is an Associate Clinical Professor with UCD. Dr Crushell served a 3 year term from Oct 2017 as Dean of the Faculty of Paediatrics, RCPI. In May 2020, she took up her current role as HSE Co-Clinical Lead with the National Clinical Programme for Paediatrics and Neonatology

 @ECrushell @RCPI_news @WomenMedIreland

Deirdre Lang



Deirdre Lang is the **Director of Nursing/ National Lead Older Persons Services, ONMSD Clinical, Programme Implementation & Professional Development**. Deirdre initially trained in St Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, as a Registered General Nurse. During her career she spent a number of years working in acute services in Australia and in Ireland. She has had a variety of experiences, having worked in mental health and practice development. Her experience in older persons' services includes the roles of Clinical Nurse Manager 2, Assistant Director of Nursing and Director of Nursing (HSE and private sector). Her role as Director of Nursing Older Persons Services brings together all aspects of her experience to date, together with her passion for the older patient and those who provide their care.

 @deirdrelanglang @ICPOPIreland @NurMidONMSD

Sinead Fitzpatrick

Sinead Fitzpatrick is the **Development Manager, HSE National Health and Social Care Professions (HSCP) Office**, with a focus on practice placement education and advanced practice. She has worked as a dietitian before taking up the role of professional development officer in the INDI, the professional body for Dietitians, followed by roles as programme manager with the national clinical programmes.

@WeHSCPs @Fitz8S

Lorraine Schwanberg



Lorraine Schwanberg is the **HSE Assistant National Director, QPS Incidence Management**. Lorraine leads out on the Incident Management arm of the National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate (NQPSD) in the HSE. Lorraine and her team's remit includes incident management, open disclosure and the National Incident Management System (HSE). They collaborate extensively with many partners on all things related to quality and patient safety to help drive and support improvement. Lorraine has worked in leadership roles in incident management, quality, risk and patient safety for many years, predominantly in the NHS, most recently at King's College Hospital NHS Trust and Guy's and St Thomas Hospital NHS Trust. Lorraine also enjoyed a career as a paediatric and general nurse in Ireland where she developed an interest in patient safety, which remains her passion.

@NationalQPS @patient_for

Dr Caitriona McCarthy



Dr Caitriona McCarthy is a **Consultant in Public Health Medicine, HSE National Cancer Control Programme**. She is a graduate of UCC and undertook higher specialist training in public health medicine in Ireland and Scotland. Dr McCarthy is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health Medicine of Ireland (RCPI) and the UK Faculty of Public Health and the Deputy National Specialty Director for Public Health Medicine. She has worked for the HSE National Cancer Control Programme since 2008, soon after its establishment, focussing on many areas of health improvement and health service improvement. Her current remit includes the development of services for those with an inherited predisposition to cancer and she is a member of the Steering Group developing a National Strategy for Genetics and Genomics Medicine in Ireland.

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Dr Cliona Murphy

Dr Cliona Murphy is a **Consultant Obstetrician & Gynaecologist in the Coombe Women and Infants Hospital and Tallaght Hospital** from 2009 to date. Dr Murphy is the Clinical Director of the National Women and Infants Health Programme (NWIHP), HSE. Dr Murphy graduated from University College Cork in 1993. She is the former Chair of Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists 2018-2022.

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Prof Catherine Fleming

Professor Catherine Fleming is a **Consultant in Infectious Diseases in UHG**. Professor Catherine Fleming is an infectious diseases consultant who has been in post at GUH for 19 years. She trained in Boston City Hospital and obtained an MPH from Harvard University. She has developed the ID service at GUH into a multi-consultant unit with subspecialty clinics and services that is currently the only ID service in the SAOLTA Hospital Group. She is the HSE CoClinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for Infectious Disease (ID) and NSD for the RCPI higher specialist training program. In addition to clinical and management responsibilities, she is committed to education and research

Mary Burke



Mary Burke is the **Assistant Clinical General Manager, Caredoc (Carlow Emergency Doctors on Call)**. She is a member of the Health Informatics Society of Ireland (HISI), Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI), Irish Computer Society, CHO5 hospitals CIT clinical and governance groups member, Telephone Triage Nursing Educational Section Irish Nurse's and Midwives organisation. Mary's background is in nursing and she joined the Caredoc team in 2001 and has worked to develop remote assessment, telephone triage and telehealth of patients in Ireland and has also led in training and certification of triage nurses both nationally and internationally in the use of clinical decision support software. Mary has a special interest in health informatics bringing technology and health provision together to empower and educate the public to self-manage their health.

@mairedeburca1 @slaintecare

Dr Aisling Sheehan

Dr Aisling Sheehan is **the National Lead for the HSE Mental Health and Wellbeing and Alcohol Programmes**. In her current role Aisling is responsible for providing strategic direction and guidance to support the effective implementation and integration of social prescribing within the HSE.

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Rita Bevan



Rita Bevan is the **Regional Coordinator or Social Prescribing Cork/Kerry Region**. She has worked in work of a social nature for over 30 years, Working in a night shelter, overseas aid, with young offenders and within the Family Resource Centre Programme for 12 years. Rita holds a BA in Social Studies in Counselling.

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Helen Cahill

Helen Cahill is the **Project Manager Headache, Beaumont**. Helen's background is in general nursing specialising in critical care. She has 20 years' experience working in a variety of roles in the pharmaceutical and Biotechnology industries. Since January 2021, she is started as the National Project Manager Headache. This involves driving a project of change and reform by ensuring effective implementation of a new model of care of the Sláintecare headache programme

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Dr Joe Gallagher

Dr Joe Gallagher is the **ICGP/ HSE Integrated Care Lead (Cardiovascular Disease)**. He is affiliated with the Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease and Irish College of General Practitioners. Joe Gallagher is a GP in Gorey, Co Wexford and the HSE/ICGP Integrated Care Lead in Cardiovascular disease. Together with Prof Ken McDonald and local GP practices he developed the heart failure virtual consultation service.

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Derval Howley

Derval Howley is the **HSE Community Healthcare South East Lead for HEAL programme** and former Chair of the Interim Advisory Group on Self-Management Support, Head of Service Lead for Self-Management Support. She has a background in social inclusion, health inequalities and health and wellbeing

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Paul Bernard

Paul Bernard is the **Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist in Beaumont Hospital**. Since completing her Masters in Older Person Rehabilitation in 2017, Paul has been involved in exploring how alternative care pathways for older 999 callers can work in Ireland. Pathfinder was initiated in 2019. This model of care is consistent with his interest in urgent care for older patients and integrated care. Paul has previously worked in older persons services including; the Frailty Intervention Therapy Team in the Emergency Department, the Specialist Geriatric Wards, the Geriatric Day Hospital and St. Josephs Rehab Unit.

 @PathfinderACP @slaintecare @Beaumont_Dublin

Lawrence Kenna

Lawrence Kenna is an **Ambulance Officer and Advanced Paramedic, National Ambulance Service**. Lawrence joined the National Ambulance Service in 1980 and has worked as an Advanced Paramedic and as the Training and Development Officer. Lawrence has been working with the Pathfinder service since 2018 and is currently involved in the expansion of the Pathfinder model to other locations across Ireland.

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Dr Michelle Canavan

Dr Michelle Canavan is a **Consultant Geriatrician GUH and HSE CHO 2 ICPOP**. She is affiliated with the University of Galway. Dr Canavan is the Clinical Lead for Integrated Care Programme for Older Persons in Galway since 2019 in conjunction with Saolta Group and CHO2.

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