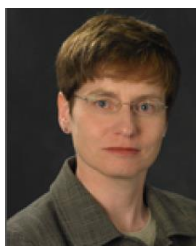


Responding to Challenges – Getting it Right

Guest Speakers



Patricia Gilheaney: Chief Executive, Mental Health Commission

Patricia was appointed Chief Executive in October 2011 following a period as Interim Chief Executive since December 2010.

She joined the Commission as the first Director Standards and Quality Assurance in October 2003 and led the development and implementation of the regulatory system for mental health services in accordance with Part 5 of the Mental Health Act 2001 ('the 2001 Act'); the first set of national safety and quality standards for mental health services in Ireland entitled *A Quality Framework for Mental Health Services in Ireland* in accordance with the Commission's mandate under Part 3 of the 2001 Act ; Rules for specific interventions as laid down in Parts 4 and 6 of the 2001 Act and Codes of Practice for the guidance of persons working in mental health services.

Patricia has over 35 years' experience in the Irish healthcare system. Her early career spanning over 20 years was as a nurse both at clinical and managerial levels in mental and general health care settings. She holds an MSc in Health Service Management from Trinity College. Prior to joining the Commission she held the post of General Manager, Health Boards Executive and was the National Project Manager responsible for the development of the first national set of performance indicators for the health system in Ireland and national immunisation programmes.

Patricia was a member of one of the Mental Health Policy Expert Subgroups that contributed to the development of the national mental health policy entitled *Vision for Change* . She is currently a Ministerial appointee to the Expert Group Reviewing the Mental Health Act 2001; the National Clinical Effectiveness Committee; and Patient Safety Advisory Group. She recently accepted an invitation to Chair the Practice Improvement Advisory Group and membership of the National Planning Oversight Group developing a new National Suicide Prevention Framework 2015-2018.



Mr John Saunders

John Saunders was appointed as a member of the Mental Health Commission in April 2007. He was subsequently appointed as Chair of the Commission in April 2012. He has been the Director of Shine since 2001. As Director he is specifically responsible for the development of accurate public awareness of mental ill health and highlighting the issues and concerns of people and their caring families.

He was a member of the Expert Group established in 2003, to review and update mental health service policy resulting in A Vision for Change. He was also a member of the NESF Working group on Mental Health and Social Inclusion.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of EUFAMI (A European organisation of Voluntary mental health associations representing Families) and Mental Health Reform. In June 2009 he was appointed as Chair of the 2nd Independent Monitoring Group to oversee and report on the implementation of Vision of Change policy.

John is also the Director of See Change, the National Stigma Reduction Partnership. See Change is Ireland's national programme working to change minds about mental health problems in Ireland. John has qualifications in nursing, a degree in Economics and a diploma in Public Administration.



Mr Neil Allen, Lecturer, Manchester University

Neil is a Lecturer at the University of Manchester where he specialises in mental health, incapacity and human rights law. His published academic commentary on the Mental Health Act 1983, Mental Capacity Act 2005, and associated case law feature in books and journals. In addition to teaching students, he delivers training for health, social care and legal professionals and organisations. Also a Barrister at Thirty Nine Essex Street Chambers (Manchester and London), Neil practises mainly in the Court of Protection, often in cases concerning deprivation of liberty issues. As Deputy Director of the Manchester Legal Advice Centre, he provides and promotes the provision of free legal advice and also undertakes voluntary work as a Trustee for the mental health charity, Making Space.

Paula Scully Adult Care Solicitor, Derbyshire County Council

Paula Scully has been employed by Derbyshire County Council for the last five years legally advising on issues impacting on people with disabilities and those lacking decision making capacity such as deprivation of liberty, abuse, contact with families, mental health and

community care law. She previously practiced medical law in Newcastle upon Tyne and also worked for a North East Local Authority.

Paula is a member of the English and Welsh Law Society's Mental Health and Disability Committee and their representative on the Care Quality Commission's Advisory Group for their annual report on the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards. She is also the Law Society's representative on the Association of Adult Care Directors Task Force established to deal with the outcomes from the English Supreme Court Judgement on "Cheshire West" concerning deprivation of liberty.

Paula spent 10 years in Hong Kong, specialising in medical and public law. She was the inaugural Chairperson for the Hong Kong Guardianship Board for four years. This was a multi disciplinary tribunal appointing guardians to make medical, welfare and financial decisions for adults with decision making incapacity. She then acted as Public Guardian of an Australian State for three years making complex medical and welfare decisions for adults with decision making incapacity. Before moving to Hong Kong, Paula was a family law solicitor in Dublin.



Sean McParland, Law Centre NI

Seán McParland LLB Graduated in law from Cardiff University in 1991 and has been a qualified solicitor since 1993. He worked in litigation in general practice law firms. In September 2007 he took up his current post as a solicitor in the Mental Health Legal Unit of Law Centre (NI). His work is in the field of mental health law and includes advice-work, training, representing clients at tribunals/ court, and assisting colleagues in the Law Centre's Policy Unit in their work of contributing to the development of legislative policy in this area. Sean represented the applicant in the JMCA guardianship case, which was heard in the Court of Appeal NI in May 2014.



Theresa Nixon Director of Mental Health, Learning Disability and Social Work, RQIA

Theresa Nixon joined RQIA in October 2005 and is Director of Mental Health and Learning Disability and Social Work. Theresa has a wide range of experience in social work. Prior to joining RQIA she was Deputy Director of Children and Family Services in the Eastern Health and Social Services Board.

Theresa is the NI representative on the UK National Preventative Mechanism Steering Group. She currently sits on the HSCB-PHA SAI Review Group and is a member of the PSS Training Strategic Implementation Group, Northern Ireland Social Care Council.



Dr Peter Byrne, Associate Registrar for Public Health

Dr Peter Byrne is consultant liaison psychiatrist at Homerton University Hospital in east London, having developed liaison services at Newham University Hospital since 2008. He graduated from University College Dublin in 1988, and completed all his medical and psychiatric training in Ireland before his first NHS consultant appointment in 1999. He is clinical lead for three new, expanded RAID (Rapid Assessment Interface & Discharge) teams in east London. A former Director of Public Education for RCPsych, he was awarded the Public Educator of the Year Award by the College in 2012. He has published widely on liaison topics and stigma-discrimination, and is joint Editor with Professor Alan Rosen on a new Wiley-Blackwell book, *Early Intervention in Psychiatry*. He became public mental health lead for the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 2014; the same year he was appointed visiting professor to the University of Strathclyde.



Dr Colin Dale, CEO, Caring Solutions (UK)

Colin Dale is the Chief Executive of Caring Solutions (UK) Ltd a mental health consultancy company based in the north west of England which carries out national, regional and local health care projects throughout the UK. He is the Vice Chairman of a NHS mental health foundation trust and has functioned as an executive Director with three previous NHS Trusts for a period spanning 11 years. He is a Senior Research Fellow at the University of Central Lancashire; a member of the Mental Health Review Tribunal and a Trustee on the Board of the British Institute for Learning Disabilities. In 2006 Colin acted as adviser to the National Patient Safety Agency on mental health, and since then he has led and reviewed a series of independent investigations into Serious Untoward Investigations throughout the UK. In 2013 his Company (Caring Solutions) was appointed by NHS England to the national framework to conduct independent investigations in the NHS. In 2014 he was appointed as a mental health specialist adviser to the Care Quality Commission.

Colin has a good understanding of research methodology and writing for publication. He completed his Doctoral studies (PhD) in 2002 and was the lead editor of four forensic care textbooks in the years that followed. He has presented papers to international, national and regional conferences and written extensively for professional publication. He edits the Journal Intellectual Disabilities and Offending Behaviour.



Mr Glenn Houston, Chief Executive, RQIA

Glenn joined the health service in 1980 and has 34 years' experience of working in health and social care in Northern Ireland.

He has held senior positions at Board level in HSC Trusts since 1996, when he was appointed Director of Planning and Information in the former Homefirst Community HSC Trust. Glenn has also held directorship appointments in both Mental Health and Children's Services and was Executive Director of Social Work in the Northern Trust between 2007 and 2009.

Glenn was Chief Executive of the former Craigavon and Banbridge Community Trust between 2004 and 2007.

He is currently Chief Executive of RQIA, and President of the European Partnership of Supervisory Organisations (EPSO).