



**AIIHPC**

Palliative Care Research Network

**All Ireland Seminar on Palliative Care and disabilities:  
Impact of legislation to improve quality of life and realise  
human rights**



**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 10:00 – 15:15**

**Ashling Hotel, Dublin**

- 9:30 – 10:00**      **Registration and networking opportunity**
- 10:00 – 10:10**      **Welcome and introduction**  
Dr Mary Rabbitte, AIIHPC Programme Manager for Research and Associate Professor Suzanne Guerin, Vice-Chair of AIIHPC Palliative Care Research Network; Deputy Director of the UCD Centre for Disability Studies and Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, University College Dublin (UCD)
- 10:10 – 10:25**      **Supporting people with intellectual disability and advanced dementia: Complexities in end of life care**  
Professor Mary McCarron, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, and Chair of Ageing and Intellectual Disability at Trinity College Dublin (TCD)
- 10:25 – 10:45**      **Key considerations in relation to the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016 from the clinical perspective**  
Dr Gerry Lynch, Chair of Royal College of Psychiatrists Northern Ireland
- 10:45 – 11:30**      **Legal capacity legislation on the island of Ireland and its human rights implications**  
Dr Eilionóir Flynn, Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy and Senior Lecturer, School of Law, National University of Ireland Galway (NUIG)
- 11:30 – 11:45**      **Coffee break and networking opportunity**
- 11:45 – 12:15**      **Conversation Panel 1: What are the main considerations for people with life-limiting disabilities receiving palliative care and this legislation?**  
*Chair:* Associate Professor Suzanne Guerin  
*Participants:* Eithne Frost (Voices4Care); Professor Mary McCarron; Dr Gerry Lynch; Dr Eilionóir Flynn; Deirdre Shanagher (Development Officer, Irish Hospice Foundation)
- 12:15 – 12:35**      **Implementation of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015: Implications for health and social care professionals**  
Áine Flynn, Director of the Decision Support Service (DSS), Mental Health Commission
- 12:35 – 12:55**      **Health services perspective on implementing this legislation**  
Caoimhe Gleeson, National Programme Lead - Assisted Decision Making, Health Services Executive (HSE)
- 12:55 – 13:40**      **Lunch**
- 13:40 – 14:00**      **How will legislation impact practice?**  
Professor Gavin Davidson, Senior Lecturer School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, Queens University Belfast (QUB)
- 14:00 – 14:30**      **Research collaboration supporting practice: University of Limerick and Milford Care Centre**  
Dr John Lombard, Lecturer in the School of Law, University of Limerick (UL) and Dr Martina O'Reilly, Head of Education, Research and Quality, Milford Care Centre
- 14:30 – 15:00**      **Conversation Panel 2: How can research support implementation of the legislation?**  
*Chair:* Associate Professor Suzanne Guerin  
*Participants:* Áine Flynn; Prof Gavin Davidson; Dr John Lombard; Dr Martina O'Reilly; Caoimhe Gleeson; Dr Bernadette Rock (Policy and Research Manager, The Alzheimer Society of Ireland)
- 15:00 – 15:15**      **Key learnings, next steps and close:** Associate Professor Suzanne Guerin