

About the Project

Cooperation and Working Together (CAWT) is a partnership between the Western and Southern Health and Social Care Trusts, the Health and Social Care Board and the Public Health Agency and the Republic of Ireland's Health Service Executive Dublin North East and West. The Departments of Health and CAWT have been successful in securing funding from the European Union INTERREG IVA programme, to progress a two year cross border project to standardise moving and handling training within the CAWT partnership organisations. This project also includes the development of a passport, which will be recognised by the CAWT partner organisations within both jurisdictions to ensure consistency of moving and handling training and will allow staff to transfer their skills when moving between organisations and jurisdictions. The development of this standardised approach to training will facilitate increased mobility of staff between organisations within the two jurisdictions.

Aims and Objectives

- ⊕ To ensure statutory compliance with legislation in both jurisdictions.
- ⊕ To ensure consistency in moving and handling training and assessment within organisations in the border region.
- ⊕ To develop a mechanism whereby skills can be transferred between participating organisations.
- ⊕ To ensure the sharing of resources to minimise duplication between organisations.
- ⊕ To contribute to the mobility of staff between organisations and jurisdictions.

Areas

The project will initially be based in the following areas- HSE Dublin North East, HSE West, Southern Health and Social Care Trust and the Western Health and Social Care Trust.

Target Groups

It is aimed at staff within the Health and Social Care organisations in both jurisdictions and independent health care sector.

Project Management



*Marianne Walsh,
Project Manager*

Marianne Walsh from the Western Health and Social Care Trust has been appointed as the Project Manager.

A Project Board has been formed to manage the project with representation from each of the CAWT partner organisations:

- ⊕ Cecelia Doran, Regional Manual Handling Advisor Health Service Executive – West
- ⊕ Therese Browne, Head of Clinical Quality & Safety, Western Health and Social Care Trust
- ⊕ Marie Nolan Steen, Health and Safety Coordinator Health Service Executive – Dublin North East
- ⊕ Ray King, Head of Health and Safety, Southern Health and Social Care Trust

The Moving and Handling Project Board has met formally on 2 occasions. At the last meeting on the 10th August 2009 it was agreed to hold a Workshop inviting participation from a wide range of relevant stakeholders. It is hoped that representatives from the statutory, professional and independent sector will have an active input into the planning and delivery process of the Moving and Handling Passport and standardised training programme. The stakeholders identified at this stage include: Health and Safety Executive, Health and Safety Authority, Independent Health and Care Providers, National Back Exchange, FETAC and Irish Society of Chartered Physiotherapists.

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