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## INTERREG IV Cross Border Funding

The Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB) INTERREG IV steering committee met



on Thursday 13 March 2008 to assess the Departments of Health application for INTERREG IV funding. CAWT Management Board representatives Colm Donaghy, Southern Health and Social Care Trust; Tom Daly, Health Service Executive and Sean McKeever, Health and Social Care Authority, presented to the INTERREG IV Steering Committee on the development of the projects and their objectives.

There are six main themes included in the overall application:

- ❑ Improved Access to Information and Services: Patients and Professionals
- ❑ Reform and Modernisation of Health Services
- ❑ Promotion of Independent Living and Citizenship
- ❑ Promoting Health and Well-being and Tackling Health Inequalities
- ❑ Supporting Vulnerable Families
- ❑ Promoting Cross Border Workforce Mobility

The application has progressed to the next stage of the process, which will involve the completion of a robust 'green book' standard economic appraisal. The economic appraisal is expected to begin in late April and will take up to eight weeks to complete. In the meantime, in preparation for the economic appraisal, CAWT Development Centre representatives will be in contact with the main project contacts to seek more detailed information in relation to baseline data and measurable outcomes and targets.

We appreciate the efforts and patience of all those involved in developing the projects and the application. Thank you for your commitment and input to date. We will endeavour to keep you updated as the application process continues.

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## Cross Border Renal Network

The CAWT cross border renal network project concluded with a successful conference in Enniskillen to showcase the project's achievements. The core element of the project is the common information system adopted by each of the hospital partners, which allows the sharing of information actively for the



CAWT Project Manager, Deirdre Keown with guest speakers at the cross border renal conference (left to right): Dr Liam Plant, Cork University Hospital; Prof. Neil Turner; Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and Dr Austin Stack, HSE West

benefit of patients. This has highlighted issues and areas for improvement that can be addressed from a cross border perspective. The project partners are Cavan General Hospital; Sligo General Hospital; Letterkenny General Hospital; Altnagelvin Hospital, Derry; Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh and Daisy Hill Hospital, Newry.

Dr Austin Stack from the Health Service Executive West commented on the project success saying: "The CAWT Renal project provides a new approach to managing patients with kidney disease in the border region. We hope it will serve as the seed project for a comprehensive all-Ireland renal registry in the very near future."

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## Cross Border Traveller Health

CAWT's Traveller Health Working Group, with funding from the European Union INTERREG IIIA programme co-ordinated a major cross border event in Monaghan in February 2008. The event, which was attended by 180 members of the Travelling community from both North and South of the border, provided attendees with a forum to debate and discuss health issues of concern to their communities.



At the Traveller Health event (l to r): Richard Phelan, HSE Dublin NE; Mary Joyce and Nathanya McDonagh, Meath Primary Health Care; Missy Collins, Pavee Point; Sinead Hughes, Armagh Travellers Support Group; Brigid McGinty, CAWT; Ronnie Fay, Pavee Point; Emma Jane Hoey, National Traveller Womens Forum; Martin Duffy, WHSSB and Enda Galligan, HSE Dublin NE

Attendee Maggie Dundon gave her views of the event. She said: *"I sensed it was our day - there was a feeling we were taking charge of our health, something is getting done finally, we're sitting up and getting noticed."*

The Working Group have also documented good practice in relation to health service provision to Travellers on both sides of the border. The report, currently in print, identifies the barriers and key supports required to help improve the health status of

Traveller communities and emphasises the value of a cross border approach. The geographical focus for the project includes the Health Service Executive counties of Louth, Cavan, Meath and Monaghan and County Armagh in the Southern Health and Social Services Board area.

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## Balancing Risks and Safer Lives events

Following on from the success of the project summer school in September, two training days entitled 'Balancing risks and decisions in adult protection (effective responses to adult protection concerns)' were held in February/March. The events were attended by over 60 managers and care professionals, who were seeking the opportunity to explore the issues that impact on decision making in client risk situations. Evaluation of the events provided comments such as: *"will help me in all aspects of my role as a social worker, not just adult protection; I will now have confidence in protocols and sharing information; this has flagged up issues about policy and procedure gaps; very thought provoking and informative."*



At the PSNI/CAWT 'Safer Lives' event Constable John McMaster, PSNI Community Safety talks safety with clients from the Milestone Centre, Carrickmore, Co. Tyrone (front, from left) Kathleen McCallen, Shane Hurson, Carmel Cox, Francis Meenagh (back row) Francis Morris and Sean Donaghy

Older pupils in special schools and learning disabled adults attending day care, or living in supported and independent living accommodation in the Western Health and Social Care Trust area, had a unique opportunity to enhance their life skills in such areas as safety at home and on the roads, fire safety, emergency calls and dealing with strangers.

Jointly supported by the PSNI's 'Policing with the Community Fund' and the CAWT 'Protecting Vulnerable Adults' project, the highly interactive series of events, held over 3 days, was co-ordinated by the Western Health and Social Care Trust and the PSNI's Community Safety Officers. Other vital local organisations involved included the Fire Service, Omagh and Fermanagh District Councils Home Safety Departments, Omagh and Fermanagh Community Safety Partnerships.

The clients were very positive about the programme as evidenced by some feedback received: Mark Robinson from the Share Unit



Lisnaskea said: *"I enjoyed it because I learned a lot about keeping myself safe!"* Margaret Swift, also from the Share Unit, Lisnaskea was equally enthusiastic. She said: *"I thought it was a good way for keeping people safe - far better for everybody".*

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## Action Learning

*"An excellent informative course with great participation"*

*"Presenters ability to communicate and present made it easy to take in and learn so much of his material"*

*"I learned about the energy and insight which an Action Learning Set can bring to analysing and resolving an issue"*



Mike Pedler with Action Learning Project Board members. (Back row L to R): Anne Forsythe, SHSCT; Tony Liston and Siobhan Patten, HSE West. (Front row): Mike Pedler, Henley Management College and Pauline Doherty, CAWT

These were just some of the comments from Health service staff from both sides of the border who recently had a unique opportunity to hear Dr Mike Pedler, a leading expert in the field of Action Learning, Leadership and Organisation Development, speak at a cross border health services event in the border region.

The Action Learning masterclass was co-ordinated by CAWT's cross border Management Development sub group, to promote the value of tackling issues within organisations through a collaborative approach. The event was attended by senior service managers from within the CAWT partner organisations including the Southern and Western Health and Social Care Trusts, the Southern and Western Health and Social Services Boards and the Health Service Executive.

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## Deliberate Self Harm project



(Back row L to R): Eugene Fee, Edel O'Doherty, CAWT; Paul Corcoran, NSRF Cork; Amanda O'Carroll, CAWT; Martin Bell, DHSSPS; (Front row) Prof. Keith Hawton, Oxford University and Josephine Devlin, DHSSPS

The WHSSB Self Harm project is well underway with over four months data collected from each of the three hospital sites. Professor Keith Hawton, Oxford University, is quality assuring the project and met the Project Board in April. The tender for the evaluation of the project went out in early January. Eugene Fee has been selected to undertake the evaluation of the project. Data collection will continue and we hope to issue a report by the end of the summer.

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## News and Events

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### **Conference: Children's Services Planning and Information Project: 'Integrated Planning for Outcomes for Children'**

**17 April 2008 in the Armagh City Hotel**

This project aims to assess the need and plan services for children and young people at a cross border level. The event will update on project progress and launch the model framework and web resources developed to support activities in Children's Services Planning.



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### **Exercise: Cross border emergency planning event**

**25 to 27 April 2008 at Ballykinler Territorial Army base near Downpatrick**



This exercise is designed to strengthen the capacity of the National Ambulance Services on both sides of the border in the event of a major

medical emergency incident requiring a cross border response. Support will be provided by the TA medical regiment, RAF, Irish Army Air Corps, Fire Service and Police.

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### **Workshops: Health Inequalities**

**20 May 2008, Manor House Hotel, Enniskillen**

**22 May 2008, Radisson Hotel, Letterkenny**

**29 May 2008, Armagh City Hotel, Armagh**

A series of workshops have been planned to engage with stakeholders in order to provide information on the CAWT 2<sup>nd</sup> Health Profile, which is currently being produced, to share information on current projects and discuss approaches to tackling health inequalities.

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### **Roadshow: Steering to Safety 'Road Safe' events**

**22 April 2008, Sligo Regional Sports Centre, Sligo**

**1 May 2008, The Parish Centre, Ardee, Co. Louth**

The CAWT Steering to Safety project as part of their education and awareness programme are offering students the



opportunity to attend a Road Safe Road Show. The aim is to encourage young drivers and those about to commence driving to adopt a more responsible attitude towards their driving behaviour and is based on the successful road show model in operation in Northern Ireland.

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