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for health gain and social well being in border areas

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Management Board Update

At the February management board meeting we said farewell to our Health and Social Services (HSSB) Board members due to the recent restructure of the health boards in Northern Ireland (NI). The single Health and Social Care Board now replaces the four health boards and thus our board members tenure concluded. They are:

- Fionnuala Cook, Chairperson, SHSSB
- Karen Meehan, Chairperson, WHSSB
- Sean McKeever, Chief Executive, SHSSB
- Dominic Burke, Chief Executive, WHSSB

All four have made an enormous contribution to cross border health and social care and we wish them well in their future endeavours.

The CAWT Development Centre, which had been part of the WHSSB, has now been incorporated into the new Health and Social Care Board in Northern Ireland.

We are very grateful to the WHSSB for their support to the CAWT Development Centre over the years. Negotiations have begun to ensure that the new NI Health and Social Care structures are appropriately represented on the CAWT management board.

Our main work, which is delivering a range of cross border health and social care projects funded by the European Union INTERREG IVA programme, is making good progress. All twelve cross border Project Boards have met at least twice and are busy developing their plans and recruiting project management staff.

We would like to acknowledge the vital work of the CAWT Recruitment group in supporting our EU funded projects and indeed the support of the HR, Equality, Finance, ICT and Communications groups.

Self Harm Registry



From left to right: Amanda O'Carroll, CAWT, Tommy Monteith and Barry McGale, WHSCT meeting with representatives from the Safety Committee Golden Gate Bridge

After successful implementation in the Western area of Northern Ireland, the Self Harm Registry is being expanded into the Belfast area. This will incorporate a further three hospitals into the study and will provide a useful comparison within Northern Ireland.

The Registry has already produced valuable insights into the incidence and trends associated with self harm behaviour, which will shape future intervention to tackle self harm in Northern Ireland. The Registry has been positively evaluated and its contribution to the

'Protect Life' strategy has been acknowledged by the DHSSPSNI and local Trusts. The Registry is recognised as a model of best practice and has been shared with international mental health professionals in recent months. In fact, the project was presented at the American Association of Suicidology Conference in San Francisco. The project manager was also invited to provide training to mental health professionals in Kosovo, on the model for the self harm registry. For more information contact: Amanda O'Carroll, CAWT Development Centre, Amanda.ocarroll@westhealth.n-i.nhs.uk



EU INTERREG IVA Project Update

All twelve Project Boards are busy drawing up action plans for developing and delivering their services and projects. A brief update follows on each:

Acute Hospital Services

The CAWT Acute Hospital Services project aims to develop cross border services in Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT), Vascular and Urology. Implementation plans are being developed by sub groups for each of the three services. In February Linda Saunderson was appointed as Programme Manager. Linda has many years experience in planning Acute hospital services, latterly in Altnagelvin Hospital in the Western Trust region and is looking forward to facilitating the planning of these cross border services for the benefit of local populations.

Acute Hospital Services Project Board

Name	Organisation
Paul Maguire (Chair, Urology)	HSE West
Bridget Clarke	HSE DNE
Evelyn Hall	HSE DNE
Simon Gibson (Chair, ENT)	SHSCT
Karen Hargan (Chair, Vascular)	WHSCT



Attendees at the recent cross border Vascular services workshop in the NW (left to right): Paul Maguire, HSE West; Paul Bateson, WHSCT; Linda Saunderson, CAWT; Ken McCune, WHSCT; Neville Couse, HSE West; Dr Paul O'Connor, HSE West; Paddy Rooney, HSE West and Karen Hargan, WHSCT

Genito Urinary Medicine (GUM)

This project is seeking to establish extra GUM clinics in the border region in order to treat sexually transmitted diseases. In addition the Project Board plan to co-ordinate a range of sexual health promotion activities. Marian Martin from the WHSCT has been appointed as Project Manager and will take up post in the coming weeks.

GUM Project Board

Name	Organisation
Raymond Maw	BHSCT
Wallace Dinsmore	BHSCT/WHSCT
Dermot Monaghan	HSE DNE
Nazih Eldin	HSE DNE
Paul Maguire	HSE West
Richard Smithson	Public Health Agency
Sam McConkey (Chair)	RCSI
Anne McVey	SHSCT
Kate McDaid	WHSCT

Eating Disorder Network

This project aims to enhance early stage therapeutic services for people suffering from eating disorders. A team of specialist eating disorder therapists will be developed in the border region, providing services in primary care and community settings. The Project Board is having a planning day in June to plan the project implementation in more detail. The recruitment process for the Project Manager post is underway.

Eating Disorder Network Project Board

Name	Organisation
Margaret Caulfield	HSE DNE
John Meehan	HSE West
Mary Scally	HSE West
Stephen Bergin	Public Health Agency
Heather Mills	SHSCT
Ian Sutherland (Chair)	SHSCT
Yvonne McWhirter	WHSCT

Alcohol Harm Reduction

The project goal is to reduce alcohol related harm in the border region. A key aspect will be a community involvement approach along with the development of specialist early interventions for families in crisis due to alcohol misuse. The Project Board organised a well-attended workshop in April at which the project aims and objectives were further fine-tuned. The workshop enabled the projects to more clearly define the target groups and evaluation criteria.

Alcohol Harm Reduction Project Board

Name	Organisation
Eamon O'Kane (Chair)	Derry Healthy Cities
Jim Simpson	HSCB
Paul Cavanagh	HSCB
Declan Mangan	HSE DNE
John Meehan	HSE West
Moirá Mills	HSE West
Patricia Garland	HSE West
Stephen Bergin	Public Health Agency
Ian Sutherland	SHSCT
Kevin Morton	SHSCT
Yvonne McWhirter	WHSCT

EU INTERREG IVA Project Update

Improving Outcomes for Children and Families

The Project Board is aiming to implement a practical model for collaborative, integrated planning which would lead to improvements in outcomes for children and families. The project will build on the planning tool and web-based resources developed in a previous EU funded project. To date a detailed action plan for the project has been developed and a planning meeting held in March. Mary Haughey from the SHSCT has been appointed Project Manager and will commence on the 1 June 2009.

Improving Outcomes for Children and Families Project Board

Name	Organisation
Ann Godfrey	HSCB
Gerry Conway	HSCB
Tommy Doherty	HSCB
Valerie Maxwell	HSCB
Emma Clare	HSE DNE
Rose McCaffrey (Chair)	HSE DNE
Aisling Gillen	HSE West
Colin Harrison	HSE West
Sheila Moore	HSE West

Support for Older People

The focus for this project is on the provision of telehealth/telecare and social support services to older people in order to support independent living. The project will be developed across the four geographical border areas of Louth/Newry, Armagh/Monaghan, Fermanagh/Cavan/Leitrim and Derry/Donegal. The Project Board is currently recruiting for a Project Manager and anticipate an appointment being made soon.

Support for Older People Project Board

Name	Organisation
Noel Quigley	HSCB
Brighide Lynch	HSE DNE
Bridget Smith	HSE West
Edith Mullin (Chair)	HSE West
Melanie McClements	SHSCT
Aidan Gordon	WHST

Support for People with Disabilities

This project will concentrate on providing locally based alternatives to traditional models of day services. Also local communities will be encouraged to consider how they can improve choice and enhance access to services and facilities. The target group is people with a learning and / or physical and / or sensory disability aged 18 plus. Caroline Devine from the HSE West has recently been appointed as Project Manager and will take up post on 1 June 2009.

Support for People with Disabilities Project Board

Name	Organisation
Arlette Howell	HSE DNE
Jackie Barron	HSE DNE
Annemarie Ward	HSE West
Liz Doherty	HSE West
Micéal Crilly (Chair)	SHSCT
Brian McGarvey	WHST
Martin Quinn	WHST



At a recent Project Board meeting (left to right): Arlette Howell, HSE DNE; Annemarie Ward, HSE West; Liz Doherty HSE West; Martin Quinn, WHSCT; Brian McGarvey, WHSCT and Micéal Crilly, SHSCT. Missing from the photo is Jackie Barron, HSE DNE.

Social Inclusion and Health Inequalities

Through a co-ordinated approach the project will reach out to the most vulnerable and often the most socially excluded population groups. A successful planning day was held in March and objectives agreed for key areas including the promotion of social inclusion of Travellers and vulnerable women, and improving access to Acute hospital and community services for persons with low literacy skills, limited English or Travellers/other ethnic groups. Project Manager interviews are scheduled for May.

Social Inclusion and Health Inequalities Project Board

Name	Organisation
Susan Gibson	Derry Well Woman
Martin Collum	HSE DNE
Rosaline Keenan	HSE DNE
Annmarie Crosse	HSE West
Louise Doherty	HSE West
Martin Duffy (Chair)	Public Health Agency
Melanie McClements	SHSCT
Marie Hutton	WHST

EU INTERREG IVA Project Update

Prevention and Management of Obesity

There are two elements to the project 'Healthy Lifestyles' - a prevention project for families and 'Making a Difference' - a 6 month programme delivered to overweight/obese children and their families. The Project Board meetings are focusing on more detailed project planning. Newly appointed Project Manager, Claire McGinley from the HSCB, takes up her new post on the 18 May 2009.

Prevention & Management of Obesity Project Board

Name	Organisation
Gerry Roddy	HSE DNE
Anne McAteer	HSE West
Brendan Bonner	Public Health Agency
Lynne Smart	SHSCT
Maura O'Neill (Chair)	WHSC

Support for Families and Children with Autism

This project will support the needs of children and their families with autism through the provision of specific family support programmes across the border region, which will be integrated with current voluntary activity. An induction day in February kicked off the project and the Project Board continue to refine the project scope and implementation plan.

Support for Families and Children with Autism Project Board

Name	Organisation
Kieran McShane	HSCB
Siobhan McIntyre (Chair)	HSCB
Rosaline Keenan	HSE DNE
Rose McCaffrey	HSE DNE
Eugene McElroy	HSE West
Mary Talbot	HSE West
Geraldine Maguire	SHSCT
Lesley Waugh	SHSCT
Kieran Downey	WHSC

Diabetes

The project aims to tackle two high risk clinical areas in diabetes: 1. pregnancy outcomes for women with diabetes, and 2. children and adolescents with diabetes managing their condition. The Project Board met for the first time in February and agreed their terms of reference and how the Project Board will operate.

Diabetes Project Board

Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation	Name	Organisation
David McCance	BHSCT	Ann Shannon	HSE West	Roy Harper	SEHSCT
Dennis Carson	BHSCT	Liam Bannan	HSE West	Chris Corkey	SHSCT
Anna Clarke	Diabetes Federation Ireland	Patricia Crocock	HSE West	Mae McConnell	SHSCT
Iain Foster	Diabetes UK	Mark Rollins	NHSCT	Bernie Trainor	WHSC
Siobhan McIntyre	HSCB	Brid Farrell (Chair)	Public Health Agency	Kate McDaid	WHSC
Pauline O'Hanlon	HSE DNE	Chris Patterson	QUB		
Sally Ann McLaughlin	HSE DNE	Colin Gaston	SEHSCT		

Cross Border Workforce Mobility

There are three elements to this project. The 'Coaching and Mentoring' element will facilitate the exchange of skills and knowledge across the border. The 'Social Worker Education and Mobility' aspect aims to maximise the quality of social care in both jurisdictions through the development of post-qualifying training for social work managers in CAWT partner organisations. The 'Moving and Handling Training Passport' aims to bring consistency and avoidance of duplication in training and assessment within organisations in both jurisdictions. Project meetings have commenced and planning is underway. A Project Board has been established for each element and an overarching Project Manager will be appointed shortly.



At the recent 'Coaching and Mentoring' project meeting: (left to right): Anne Forsythe, SHSCT; Pauline Dunlop, CAWT; Ann McConnell, WHSC; Colm Kinch, HSE DNE and Siobhan Patten, HSE West.

Coaching and Mentoring Project Board

Name	Organisation
Colm Kinch (Chair)	HSE DNE
Siobhan Patten	HSE West
Anne Forsythe	SHSCT
Ann McConnell	WHSC

Moving & Handling Project Board

Name	Organisation
Marie Nolan-Steen	HSE DNE
Cecilia Doran	HSE West
Ray King	SHSCT
Theresa Brown	WHSC

Social Worker Education Project Board

Name	Organisation
Eilish Craig	HSE DNE
Maria MacInnes	HSE West
Brendan Johnston	NISCC
Lorraine Simmons	NISCC
Ellis Walsh	NSWQB
Aoife Sweeney	NSWQB
Ian Montgomery	SHSCT
Deirdre Mahon	WHSC

New Look to CAWT Website

The CAWT website has been updated and now includes some new features to enable site visitors to keep updated on the latest happenings in cross border health and social care. We think the website is now easier to navigate, more dynamic and conveniently brings together the latest information on cross border health and social care. Click on the website at www.cawt.com to review some of the new features:

- Subscribe to RSS feeds to receive the latest information on News, Publications and Events
- Register to receive the eZine/newsletter
- Watch videos of cross border health and social care in action
- Read about cross border projects funded by the European Union INTERREG IVA programme.



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Prestigious British Medical Journal (BMJ) Award



Dr Peter Garrett, WHSCT and Dr Kieran Hannan, HSE DNE

Hot on the heels of winning the European Health Forum Award for 2008, comes another major award for one of the partners in the CAWT Renal Network project!

The Western Health and Social Care Trust (WHSCT) was honoured with the 'Best Quality Improvement' accolade at the inaugural BMJ Group Awards 2009. Receiving the award on behalf of the WHSCT's renal services, Dr Peter Garrett, Lead Clinician, highlighted that the Trust's success in receiving this award, stems from the CAWT renal network project, which was funded by the European Union INTERREG IIIA programme and engaged six hospitals in the border region working collaboratively and sharing information in order to benefit renal patients.

Congratulations to Dr Garrett and his team!

For further details view: [Prestigious BMJ Award Press Release](#)

All Ireland Programme for Immigrant Parents

The All Ireland Programme for Immigrant Parents is a cross border inter-agency initiative aimed at immigrant parents throughout the island of Ireland. The project has completed its second phase by producing information packs, which can be viewed on the CAWT website.

The committee comprises representatives from the HSE, Department of Education and Science, Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform, Tallaght Community Development Initiative, Reception and Integration Agency, Barnardos, SureStart and Inclusion and Diversity Service, NI.

For more information about the project visit www.cawt.com/aipip

Appreciation – Catherine Devaney Social Inclusion Officer, HSE West

It was with deep shock and sadness that staff on the CAWT Social Inclusion Project Board learned of the sudden and untimely passing of our colleague Catherine Devaney. Catherine represented the HSE West on the cross border Project Board and was a passionate advocate for improving the health and well-being of marginalised groups and in particular, Travellers. Her contribution to the group was extremely valuable bringing with her a wealth of expertise and practical experience of community development and social inclusion. She was grounded in her commitment to making a difference in tackling health inequalities. She was warm, friendly, humorous and respectful of the views of others. To all of Catherine's family, friends and colleagues we send our deepest condolences. She will be greatly missed.