

All-Island Medication Safety Conference

Reducing medication-related harm was the theme of the first ever All-Island Medication Safety Conference – an interactive workshop held at Dublin Castle in November. Research, safety initiatives and resources were shared by patient advocates, policymakers from the Departments of Health (North and South), the World Health Organization and healthcare professionals. Learning was shared through 100 posters, six oral presentations and lively discussions. The co-hosts IMSN and Transforming Medication Safety in Northern Ireland, and partners the HSE National Medication Safety Programme and RCSI School of Population Health, aim to make this a biennial all-island conference, ensuring ongoing collaboration and learning.

HSE and HealthTech Ireland launch National Health Collaboration Council

The HSE and HealthTech Ireland have evolved the partnership from the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed late 2024 to now establish the National Health Collaboration Council. The council, with shared governance between the two organisations, has the vision of the MoU at its core “to identify initiatives that will enhance patient care, address healthcare challenges and realise opportunities for improvement”.

Several key initiatives are now underway, each with a defined vision, objectives and timelines. These initiatives are in the areas of Medical Devices and Diagnostics, Technology and Transformation, Clinical Informatics, Procurement, and Innovation and Strategy. The role of the National Health Collaboration Council (HSE and HealthTech Ireland) is comprehensive and includes but is not limited to:

- Strategic collaboration to support the successful creation and delivery of HSE national strategies, frameworks and programmes of work.
- Incorporating international insights, learnings and member perspectives in a structured, facilitated way to accelerate the success of programmes of work.
- A forum to collectively address pressing challenges in areas like procurement, sustainability, regulation, and reform.

HealthTech Ireland is an independent trade association representing health technology companies in Ireland, supporting innovation to improve patient care and healthcare delivery.

HSCP Day 2025

National HSCP Day was celebrated on 9 April with the theme “Innovating Health and Social Care: Embracing Technology, Research and Evidence”. Health and social care professionals enhance patient outcomes, improve service delivery, and foster a forward-thinking approach to care by focusing on the transformative power of integrating technology, research and evidence-based practices in health and social care.

Teams of HSCP in each of the health regions participated in the day sharing innovative projects, research findings and success stories. The day ended with the lighting of Cork City Hall to acknowledge the contribution of HSCP.



From left: Claire Keating, Radiation Therapy Services Manager, CUH; Louise Reid, Psychology Manager, CUH; Olivia Wall, Health and Social Care Professions Regional Practice Education Coordinator; and Megan Goodale, Occupational Therapy Manager, CUH.

NICCIA Conference Celebrates 25th anniversary in Waterford

The Nurses In Colposcopy Clinics Ireland Association (NICCIA) Conference marked its 25th anniversary in March at the Granville Hotel in Waterford. The event brought together healthcare professionals, researchers and industry experts for two days of presentations and networking. Among the guest speakers were Karen Farrer, a retired advanced nurse practitioner who presented the history of the NICCIA; Dr Zeta Dooly, a lecturer and researcher in digital education who gave a talk on learning through artificial intelligence; Shirley Trimble, a clinical specialist physiotherapist in pelvic health and continence; Dr John Stratton, who spoke about cervical cancer treatment; Aoife Hartwell, who talked about supporting women following a cervical cancer diagnosis; and Professor Walter Prendeville, who shared insights on the evolution of technical developments in cervical cancer prevention. The event blended education, innovation and celebration, honouring the achievements of the past while looking ahead to the future of cervical care.