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# Safeguarding Older Persons

Join our upcoming QPS TalkTime on  
Tuesday, 13th June from 13.00 - 14.00 when we will:

- Hear vignettes of older persons' experiences of abuse in Ireland.
- Gain an insight into what older persons abuse is and how to recognise the signs.
- Learn what you can do if you have concerns.
- Have the opportunity to engage with the panel members to explore your questions.

## Speakers



### **Bernadette McNally (Bernie) OBE** Chair of the National Independent Review Panel (NIRP)

Bernie McNally graduated from Queen's University Belfast in 1985 as a professional social worker having previously completed a BSc in Psychology at University of Ulster. Since then Bernie has worked in the Northern Ireland Health & Social Services in a variety of practice and management positions, spanning both adult and children's social services.

In 2003 Bernie was appointed to the position of Director of Social Services/Children's Services/Mental Health Services in North and West Belfast Health & Social Services Community Trust. Following the amalgamation of a number of hospital and community trusts in Northern Ireland in 2007, Bernie was appointed Executive Director of Social Work/Children's services in the newly formed Belfast Health & Social Care Trust.

In 2012 Bernie was seconded to Northern Ireland Cooperation overseas (An agency of the Department of Economy) to work in Eastern Europe with national government administrations on a number of child care projects. This work involved assisting in the development of modern child care policies, procedures and practice in several European Union accession countries. In 2016 Bernie was appointed as the Chair of the National Independent Review Panel (NIRP) in the Republic of Ireland. This is a body responsible for reviewing/investigating serious safeguarding practice concerns within the Health and social care services.

As a result of her work Bernie was awarded an OBE in recognition of her services to safeguarding in 2011.



### **Geraldine Jolley** Regional Co-Ordinator Sage Advocacy Midland Area

Geraldine Jolley is the Regional Coordinator for SAGE Advocacy in the Midlands a role she has held since March 2021. Her previous roles included 10 years as an inspector of designated centres for older people with the Health Information and Quality Authority and three years as the area development officer for Mental Health Ireland in Sligo/Leitrim. This role involved the development of positive mental health promotion programmes and interagency working relationships with statutory, community and voluntary sector partners to ensure the effective delivery of services and the delivery of suicide prevention initiatives.

Geraldine spent more than 20 years working in the UK and held varied roles in regulation with the London Borough of Barnet and the Care Quality Commission and was also a senior nurse manager for mental health services that included acute, rehabilitation, community and dementia care services. Geraldine is a mental health nurse with a specialist qualification in community mental health nursing. She also has a Masters degree in Interprofessional Health and Welfare Studies.



### **Tim Hanly** General Manager, National Safeguarding Office

Tim Hanly studied Social Science in UCC and then qualified as a social worker from the University of Warwick in 1991. He completed a MA at Warwick with a dissertation on the self-organisation of people with Disabilities.

Tim worked as a social worker in Glasgow between 1991 and 1995 as part of a Community Care Team. Returning to Ireland in 1995. Tim occupied various management positions within Child Care services in both the North East and Mid-West Areas.

Tim has a particular interest in foster care and after care provision and played a key role in developing practice and Policy within the HSE and TUSLA in these areas.

Tim commenced as Principal Social Worker in HSE National Safeguarding Office in September 2015 and is currently General Manager of the Office. He played a key role in supporting the implementation of the HSE Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse policy. He is currently undertaking the MSc in Quality and Safety in Healthcare Management with RCSI. His second year dissertation looks at advancing the use of Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) resources in adult safeguarding.

## Co-hosts



**Juanita Guidera**, Programme Manager - Staff Engagement for Quality with the National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate.



**Joanne Haffey**, Senior Operations Manager, National Quality and Patient Safety Directorate

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