

St Columcille's Hospital

A Staff Newsletter

Patient Information Leaflet Launch



The new Patient Information Leaflet and Folder has just been launched in SCH. The national patient experience survey feedback highlighted that patients want more information about treatment, on-going care and discharge. The information enclosed in the booklet aims to address some of the feedback received and enhance patient safety. The folder will be available for all new patients admitted to the wards.

The information folder contains, a general welcome leaflet, a pair of non-slip socks, Thrombosis alert card and hospital feedback questionnaire.

A huge thank you goes to Lorraine O'Toole, Kerry Gormley and Dale Longmore who have all worked on the development and completion of this project.



A big thanks also goes to the 'Friends of St. Columcille's' who funded the patient folder. (Left) Chairman of the Friends, Dr Ronan Canavan is pictured holding the folder.

'Seomra Solas' Family Room Opened



The new family suite was opened in SCH in May of this year. A project long in the making that saw many ups and downs in its creation but thankfully has now been delivered for all the families of critically ill and palliative patients in St Columcille's Hospital.

Spearheaded by the 'Hospice Friendly Hospital Committee', chaired by Dr Clodagh O'Dwyer, huge amounts of time and effort were put into securing funding for the project.



Eventually after some excellent fund raising initiatives and the pulling in of many favours, money was raised to convert a former office into a modern and comfortable suite with washing and cooking facilities for families staying with their relatives in the hospital.

Furniture for the suite was generously supplied by Murphy's Liquidation Furniture.

Access to the room is available through the ADON on duty and Loretto, Palliative Care Nurse.



Podiatry CPD



June saw the SCHL Diabetes Centre host a CPD for Podiatrists and Physiotherapists on the topic of **'Neuro Musculoskeletal Challenges in Managing the at Risk Foot'**.

The CPD was organised by SCHL Senior Podiatrist Anita Murray in conjunction with materials company Algeos.



Speakers on the day included Dr Ronan Canavan, Consultant Endocrinologist, Colin Dunlevy, Senior Physiotherapist and guest speaker Christian Pankhurst, senior Orthotist from Kings College Hospital and Guy's & St. Thomas's Hospitals, London.

Library News



A new collection of almost 60 books has been added to the library at SCH. The aim is to support students and staff to reflect on their practice.

The books were donated by Dr Shane O'Hanlon, Consultant Geriatrician, who said "Our aim is to grow this collection until we have the biggest medical humanities library of any hospital. Medical students who come on placement will be encouraged to complement their clinical learning by dipping into a non-academic book."

BorrowBox



You can access the collection via the BorrowBox app which allows you to download ebooks and eaudiobooks on your phone or tablet.

BorrowBox is accessible to all HSE staff with an OpenAthens account. To register for OpenAthens go to www.hselibrary.ie and click **Set up an account**

Minister Harris Launches 'EDoc'



The minister for Health Simon Harris TD officially launched the 'EDoc' out-of-hours GP service at St Columcille's Hospital in May.

The minister was joined on the day by SCH's General Manager, Linda O'Leary and members of the EDoc team.

The service operates from 18.00 through 08.00 Monday to Friday and 24 hours Saturday, Sunday and all bank and public holidays.

EDoc will provide a full managed service, with Call Handling, Nurse services, GP's, Clinical Nurses to cover a catchment area of Bray, and Greystones, as well as other areas of South County Dublin.

Theatre

Expansion of Scheduled Care Services has seen DSU, Endoscopy and Theatre Services increase their capacity.

Procedures in Theatre now include, General Surgery, Gynaecology, ENT, Plastics, Vascular, Urology, Colorectal, Pain Management & Dental.

Endoscopy now runs 4 days a week; it also has been part of a NTPF initiative clearing waiting lists at weekends.

Other News

- **New Arrivals:** SCHL would like to welcome Orla Nugent, Director Of Nursing, Cara Dunne Consultant Gastroenterologist, Dr Karl Neff Endocrinologist as well all our new nurses, administration and support staff appointments.
- Services Improvement continues with support from the IEHG team. A recent VSA has set the plan for the rest of 2019 into 2020.