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Ms Liz Roche

Liz is the Area Director of the Nursing and Midwifery Planning and Development Units in the former Dublin Mid-leinster geographical area and her role is to provide leadership, support excellence and build the capacity in nursing and midwifery both regionally and nationally in order to enhance patient care and service delivery.

Prior to her current position within the Office of the Nursing and Midwifery Services Director, she worked as the Director in the NMPD in Palmerstown and prior to that she held a variety of clinical and nurse leadership posts in Acute, Primary Care and Mental Health within the National Health Service in London over 20 years.

Her passion for the development of the nursing and midwifery professions in order to improve patient care is evident from the variety of projects that she has led over the years. She has led a number of nursing and midwifery workforce planning, education and practice development projects and is currently co-leading the development of a national nursing strategy for intellectual disability nursing with the Social care division in the HSE. She represents the national office on a number of committees.

She is an RGN and a RPN, has a degree in Health Services Management, and has masters' degrees in Mental Health from Kings College London and HR Strategies from Dublin City University. In 2015 she completed a post graduate diploma in Advancing Healthcare Practice with the Open University.

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Ms Valerie Small RGN, RNT, MSc, PG Dip CHSE, A&E Cert

Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioner (Emergency)

Emergency Directorate

St James's Hospital

Dublin 8

Valerie has spent thirty years of her career in the area of emergency nursing, in St James's Hospital. She pioneered the first role and post of Advanced Nurse Practitioner in Ireland. She leads a group of six advanced nurse practitioners in the emergency department in St James's Hospital and she is a registered nurse prescriber and a prescriber of ionising radiation. Valerie is a member of the Working Group of the National Emergency Medicine Programme, is the ANP advisor to the clinical care programme and chair of the ANP Forum.

She is also a member of the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council and is chair of two committees of the council, the Education and Standards Committee and the Appeals Panel. She is also a member of the National Advisory Group for Nurse Prescribing Ionising Radiation and the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland Committee for Advanced Practice.

She is a graduate of the School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin and is an associate lecturer with responsibility for the Advanced Practice Module on the Post Graduate Diploma/MSc in Advanced Nursing Practice (Emergency Nursing).

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Bridget Conway

Bridget Conway (RGN, RCN, HDip in Paediatric Emergency Nursing, BSc in Nursing Management) has worked as a Staff Nurse, Shift Leader, Clinical Nurse Facilitator and Clinical Nurse Manager (CNM) 2 in the Emergency Department (ED) since she joined the ED team in 1998. She is currently the CNM3 in the ED and as she has undertaken all the nursing roles within the ED, she has a unique understanding of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges of all the nursing posts within her Department.

Her main roles and responsibilities are to coordinate all aspects of ED care and be actively involved in the strategic planning for future developments in paediatric Emergency Medicine. She is actively involved with the Planning team for the new Satellite sites in Blanchardstown and Tallaght and the Emergency Department in the new proposed National Children's Hospital on the James Site. She helped in the development and national roll out of the Irish Children's Triage System

Mary Tumelty

Mary Tumelty CNM3 (RGN, RCN, MSc in Clinical Practice, HDip in Paediatric Emergency Nursing, Diploma in Management)

Mary has worked as a Staff Nurse, Clinical Educator, Shift Leader and Clinical Nurse Manager (CNM) 2 in the Emergency Department (ED) In Temple Street Children's Hospital over the last 17 years. She is currently the CNM3 in the ED of the NCH in Tallaght. Having worked in various nursing roles within the ED she has developed a unique insight into the various nursing roles within the Emergency Department and how they have evolved over the years.

Her main roles and responsibilities are strategic planning and coordination of all aspects of ED Nursing care. Her role also involves working with the Planning team for the Urgent Care Centres in Blanchardstown and Tallaght and the Emergency Department in the new proposed National Children's Hospital on the James Site.

Ruth Devers

Ruth Devers Acting CNM3 (RGN, RCN, HDip in Paediatric Emergency Nursing, BSc in Nursing Management)

Ruth has worked as a Staff nurse and Shift leader in the Emergency Department in Temple Street. Having worked closely with all members of the nursing team with Emergency Department, she continues to develop her leadership skills.

Her main roles and responsibilities are to coordinate all aspects of ED care and be actively involved in strategic planning of the proposed New Childrens Hospital and Urgent Care Centres

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Fiona McDaid

Fiona qualified as a Registered General Nurse in Cardiff. Fiona's career in emergency nursing has spanned more than 25 years, where she has undertaken the ENB 199 in Accident and Emergency Nursing in London, Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Practice (Emergency Nursing) in TCD, followed by an MSc (Nursing). Fiona has also been awarded a Fellowship in Emergency Nursing from the Faculty of Emergency Nursing UK (FFEN).

Fiona has worked in a number of emergency departments in Ireland, most recently as CNM3 in the Emergency Department in Naas General Hospital.

Fiona was appointed Nursing Co-lead to the National Emergency Medicine Programme (EMP) in August 2010, taking up the post of full-time nurse lead in November 2015. Fiona Chairs the Emergency Nursing Interest Group, has presented both nationally and internationally on a variety of emergency nursing related innovations and co-authored articles published in Emergency Nurse and the International Journal of Emergency Nursing.

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Sinead Lardner

Sinead is a qualified nurse for 20 years. She initially qualified as a Registered Sick Children's Nurse and then proceeded to become a Registered General Nurse.

She worked in Beaumont Emergency Department as a staff nurse from 2000 to 2006. During that time she completed her Higher Diploma in Emergency Nursing.

She is currently working as the CNM3 covering ED, AMAU, Medical Short Stay and CT scan in Our Lady of Lourdes hospital, Drogheda.

She completed Microsystems training with Dartmouth University USA through the EMP.

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Rosie Quinn

MCSP MSc MMACP FSOM Lic Acu

Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda

Therapy Lead Emergency Medicine Programme

Therapy representative Research Ethics Committee

Visiting Lecturer University of Ulster, Jordanstown

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Dr. Abel Wakai, MD FRCSI, FRCEM

Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin.

Dr. Wakai is a Consultant in Emergency Medicine in Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, with a special interest in emergency care research. The Health Research Board (HRB) currently funds his research. He is a member of the editorial boards of the European Journal of Emergency Medicine (EJEM), the International Journal of Emergency Medicine (IJEM) and the Canadian Journal of Emergency Medicine (CJEM). He is also a member of the advisory board of the Cochrane Pre-hospital and Emergency Care (PEC) Field based in Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France. He chairs the Clinical Guidelines Committee (CGC) of the Irish Association for Emergency Medicine (IAEM).

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Dr Jason Van Der Velde

Dr. Jason van der Velde is a Prehospital Emergency Medicine and Critical Care Retrieval Physician working as the Clinical Lead for the HSE's National 24 hour Emergency Telemedical Support Unit, MEDICO Cork.

Based in the Emergency Department in Cork University Hospital, he has a Masters Degree in Disaster Medicine and over 20 years experience providing Prehospital Critical Care and Retrieval Medicine around the world.

He's the editor of the Anaesthesia Trauma & Critical Care textbook and one of the ATACC Course Directors. He provides voluntary Prehospital Critical Care Support to the National Ambulance Service in West Cork

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Dr Una Geary

Dr Una Geary is a graduate of the University of Dublin, Trinity College. She completed basic specialty training in general internal medicine in Dublin and went on to undertake higher specialist training in Emergency Medicine in the UK. She also worked in Australia and the USA during her Emergency Medicine training. She was a Consultant in Emergency Medicine at the Royal Liverpool University Hospital Trust, UK, for five years before returning to St James's Hospital in 2003. Una was Clinical Lead for the National Emergency Medicine Programme from 2010 to 2013. She completed the Diploma in Quality and Leadership at the RCPI and has a special interest in quality improvement team coaching using the Dartmouth Institute Microsystem Improvement Academy approach. She is currently Director of Quality and Safety Improvement at St James's Hospital.

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Caitriona McGarrell

Caitriona McGarrell RGN, BScN, PgDip, MSc. ED, CNM 2/Clinical Facilitator, St James Emergency Department.

Qualified as a General nurse in 2006 and has worked in St James Emergency Department since 2008. She completed her Postgraduate Diploma in ED nursing in 2011 and in 2013 obtained her Masters in Specialist Nursing using her thesis to investigate the accuracy of ED nurses applying the guidelines of the Manchester Triage System. She is currently working as Clinical Nurse Manager 2 in the Clinical Facilitator role within the ED which involves; staff training, development and support, implementing new initiatives within the department, mentoring and assessment of the ED Foundation and Postgraduate students and lecturing on the Foundation & Postgraduate Nursing course with Trinity College.

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Dr Ciara Martin

Dr Ciara Martin, Consultant in Paediatric Emergency medicine in Tallaght Hospital and chair of the paediatric medical board.

Dr. Martin trained in Paediatrics and Emergency Medicine Dublin, Ireland with Paediatric Fellowship training in the Royal Child's Hospital Melbourne, Australia. Dr. Martin is a Specialty Lead for Paediatric Emergency medicine, Associate Dean of Examinations, RCPI and Clinical lecturer Paediatric Emergency medicine, Trinity College Dublin.

She has been a member of the National Pews Working group, the National Paediatric retrieval group, the National Trauma Research Network and the Emergency Medicine Programme.

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Dr Cliff Mann

Dr Cliff Mann has been a full time EM Consultant in Taunton, Somerset for seventeen years. He was elected President of the Royal College of Emergency Medicine in 2013. His previous roles include Training Programme Director and Head of the Postgraduate School of Emergency Medicine (Severn). His role as President has focussed on describing the challenges to emergency medicine and articulating the solutions.

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Prof Alf Nicholson

Prof Alf Nicholson , RCSI professor of paediatrics based in temple street childrens university hospital . National clinical lead in paediatrics for the past 4 ½ years with recent full model of care for paediatrics and neonatology published . Co dean of basic specialist training in paediatrics

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Professor Frank Keane

Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Surgery & Past President of the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland

Graduate of Dublin University 1970. Consultant Surgeon (General / Colorectal), The Adelaide & Meath Hospital Incorporating the National Children's Hospital, Tallaght 1982-2010. Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and President 2008-2010. Honorary Fellow of the Royal Colleges of Surgeons of England, Edinburgh and Glasgow and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland. Formerly: Editorial Board and Trustee, British Journal of Surgery; Council member and Trustee of the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland; Chair of Irish Society of Coloproctology; Member of Comhairle na n-Ospideal; Member Preliminary Proceedings Committee of the Medical Council of Ireland; Chair of Forum and Joint Meetings of the Surgical Royal Colleges (UK and Ireland) Chair of the Forum of Irish Postgraduate Training Bodies. Over 100 peer review publications, Currently: Joint Lead RCSI/HSE National Clinical Programme in Surgery;. Member of the Strategic Advisory Group on the Implementation of Hospital Groups.

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Dr Yvonne Smyth

Dr Yvonne Smyth graduated from NUIG in 1997. She completed her Internship and General Professional Training in Galway University Hospital. Thereafter she worked in Beaumont, the Adelaide and Meath and Cork University Hospitals before returning to Galway University Hospital to complete the Specialist Registrar Training Programme and achieve dual accreditation in both Cardiology and General Internal Medicine in 2007.

Her particular areas of interest are Cardiovascular Imaging and Heart Failure. Dr Smyth undertook a subspecialty fellowship in Cleveland Clinic USA prior to being appointed as a Consultant Cardiologist in Bon Secours Hospital and Kerry General Hospitals Tralee. She took up a Joint Cardiology/AMU Physician post in Galway University Hospital in 2012 and was appointed as the Acute Medicine Lead for the Saolta group in 2015 and has been recently appointed as the Clinical Lead for the Acute Medicine Programme alongside Prof Garry Courtney. She has a MA in Healthcare Management, a Diploma in Clinical Education, is a fellow of the RCPI and an ACLS instructor.

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Michael Power.

Clinical Lead, Critical Care Programme, National Clinical Programmes

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Dr David Menzies

David Menzies is a consultant in Emergency Medicine, with a special interest in Pre Hospital Care at St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin.

He is the Clinical Lead for EMS at University College Dublin and has recently been appointed National Lead for Adult Retrieval

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Dr Diarmuid O'Shea

Dr Diarmuid O'Shea is a Consultant Geriatrician at St Vincent's University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland. A graduate of University College Dublin, he did his Fellowship in Clinical Pharmacology in Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. He was awarded his MD in Drug Metabolism in Ageing. He was subsequently appointed to a Geriatric Medicine Training programme in Newcastle, England. He is a past National Specialty Training Director in Geriatric Medicine and was a member of the Irish Committee for Higher Medical training from 2000–2004. He was elected to the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (RCPI) Council in 2007. He served as the Masterclass Series Convenor and Vice-President of Education and Professional Development at the RCPI from 2007 to 2014. He was appointed to the role of Registrar of the RCPI in 2014. He has been the Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for Older People in the HSE since the inception of the clinical programmes in 2010.

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Dr Colm Henry

Dr Colm Henry is National Clinical Advisor and Group Lead for Acute Hospitals in the HSE.

Prior to this current appointment, he was National Lead for the Clinical Directors Programme in the HSE from 2012 to 2014.

He was Clinical Director in the Mercy University Hospital in Cork from 2009-2012 and was appointed as Consultant Geriatrician to the same hospital in 2002.