



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health

Department of Health Conference

Evidence for Reform: Where Research meets Policy

14 FEBRUARY 2023

OPEN (09.30- 09:45)

Muiris O'Connor – Assistant Secretary, Research & Development and Health Analytics Division, Department of Health

Welcome and comments on the role of research in health reform in Ireland

SESSION 1: HEALTH SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY AND PRODUCTIVITY (09:45 - 11:15)

Chair: Louise McGirr, Assistant Secretary, Health Sector Employment & Industrial Relations Policy Division, Department of Health

1. Luca Lorenzoni (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development -OECD)
Sustainability of health systems: International comparisons and a case study on Ireland
2. Michael Barry (National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics -NCPE)
Cost containment in pharmaceutical spending
3. Dr Deirdre O'Donnell (UCD)
Interprofessional collaboration in community specialist teams for older people

COFFEE BREAK (11:15 - 11:30)

SESSION 2: EXPANSION OF CARE INTO THE COMMUNITY (11:30 - 13:00)

Chair: Siobhán McArdle - Assistant Secretary, Social Care, Mental Health, Drugs Policy and Unscheduled Care Division, Department of Health

1. Dr Paul Kavanagh and Marian Keane (HSE)
Integrated Service Model – analytic support across strategy, operations and clinical domains
2. Therese McDonnell (UCD Iris Health Systems Research Centre)
Induced demand under the expansion of GP Visit Cards
3. Austin Warters, PhD (HSE)

Using health administrative data to identify approaches for improving outcomes for frail older adults with a focus on home support

LUNCH (13:00 - 14:00)

SESSION 3: PREVENTION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND WELLBEING (14:00 - 15:30)

Chair: Breda Smyth, Chief Medical Officer, Department of Health

1. Deirdre Robertson – Economic and Social research Institute (ESRI)
Food labelling & the interaction of industry with policy
2. Martin Quigley (Pobal) & Suzi Lyons (HRB)
Addiction treatment and geographic deprivation
3. Irene Gibson (University of Galway)
Delivering prevention services digitally in the home for CVD
4. Karen Cardwell – Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA)
Covid 19 – rapid response research collation in response to policy needs

COFFEE BREAK (15:30 - 15:45)

PANEL ON HEALTH RESEARCH & POLICY (15:45-16:45)

1. Ana Terrés – Head of Research and Evidence, Health Service Executive (HSE)
2. Máirín Ryan – Director of Health Technology Assessment, Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA)
3. Mairéad O'Driscoll – CEO, Health Research Board (HRB)
4. Robert Watt – Secretary General, Department of Health
5. Bernard Gloster – Incoming CEO, Health Service Executive (HSE).

Chair: Jasmina Behan, Assistant Secretary General, Department of Public Expenditure and Reform.

Closes at 16:45