Nursing Homes Expert Panel Membership

Public Health Expert: Professor Cecily Kelleher, UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Sports Science (Chair)
Cecily Kelleher qualified in medicine from UCD in 1980. She worked subsequently in clinical medicine, obtaining an MD degree on the relationship between hypertension and diabetes from UCC in 1987 and fellowship of Royal College of Physicians in 1991. Having completed a Master's degree in public health at UCD she took up a post as senior scientist in clinical epidemiology at the Medical Research Council Epidemiology and Medical Care Unit in London, working on the large-scale Thrombosis Prevention Trial. She was appointed to the foundation chair of Health Promotion at NUI Galway in 1990. In 2002 she was appointed to the Chair of Public Health Medicine and Epidemiology at UCD and was head of the UCD School of Public Health, Physiotherapy and Population Science until 2015. In September 2015 she became College Principal, College of Health and Agricultural Sciences.

Her research interests include nutrition and lifestyle determinants of health, life course and health inequalities.

Geriatrician: Professor Cillian Twomey (Retired)
Prof. Dr. Cillian Twomey is a retired Irish geriatric consultant. Until 2010 he was consultant physician in geriatric medicine at Cork University and St. Finbarr’s Hospitals, with teaching responsibilities to the medical school in UCC. He continues to serve on various public bodies and as a commentator on health matters. He has served on the scientific advisory boards of the landmark PROSPER trial of pravastatin in older people and the EU-funded SENATOR project (as chairman) examining software-driven optimisation of pharmacotherapy in older people.

Cillian served on the Board of Marymount University Hospital and Hospice (2008-2014) and on the Board of the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) from 2010-2015.

Senior Nurse: Ms Petrina Donnelly, Group Director of Nursing, RCSI Hospital Group
Petrina has previously served as Deputy Director of Nursing at Beaumont Hospital and Director of Nursing at a private nursing home. Petrina also brings a specific understanding of managing with the impacts of COVID-19 in a nursing home in Ireland through her clinical support work with RCSI.

Public Representative: Bridgid Doherty
Bridget Doherty is a public interest representative on the NPHET Subgroup for Vulnerable People.