

Health Sciences Academy Newsletter

Bringing together research, innovation and clinical practice

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WELCOME

Welcome to the January edition of the Health Sciences Academy newsletter. Each month, we will share updates in the key areas of education, research and innovation.



“The Power of Collaboration: Building an Academic Health Science System in the Midwest Region”

Ireland’s Midwest Health Sciences Academy’s partners, University of Limerick and UL Hospitals Group with the Midwest Community Healthcare & Midwest Public Health held the 1st Midwest Academic Health Science System Conference on 8th December 2023 at CERC, UHL. Featuring two University Presidents and regional HSE healthcare leaders, the conference demonstrated how the science of population health and clinical practice is so relevant in understanding health needs. It also showcased the impact of instilling an academic culture of teaching, research and innovation for healthcare professionals in career and continual professional development, and the impact on patient care. Keynote speaker Professor David Burn shared their experience of building an academic health science structure in Newcastle, England, which expanded into their surrounding communities. The next steps for stakeholders in the Midwest to build on the work of the Health Sciences Academy were highlighted by Professor Helen Whelton, CAO SSW and Head of School UCC.

Prof Paul Burke and Miriam McCarthy, Health Sciences Academy Manager, wish to express a huge thank you to all who supported, participated and attended the conference.

[Click here to view the conference video.](#)

Pictured l-r colleagues from Newcastle University, UL Hospitals, University of Limerick, HSE Midwest Community & Public Health Midwest: Prof David Burn, Mairead de Brun, Maria Bridgeman, Dr Patrick O’Donnell, Prof Leonard O’Sullivan, Dr Mai Mannix, Ann Marie Bright, Prof Audrey Tierney, Prof Vincent Cunnane, Suzanne Dunne, Prof Alan Donnelly, Miriam McCarthy, Prof Helen Whelton, Prof Paul Burke, Verity Hayes & Dovile Lee. Prof David Burn, Prof Kerstin Mey, Prof Colette Cowan, Maria Bridgeman, Dr Mai Mannix, Prof Paul Burke & Prof Vincent Cunnane.

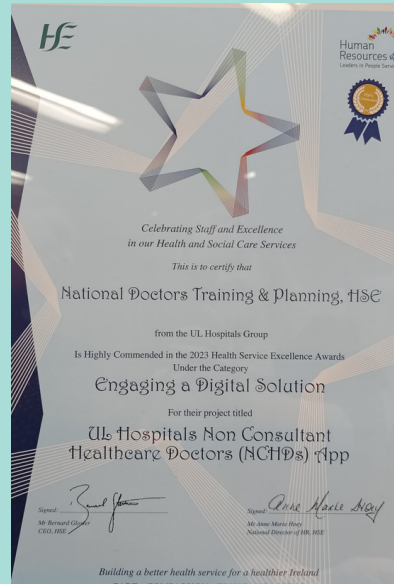
EDUCATION



Supporting staff continual professional development is one of the objectives of the Health Sciences Academy. We were delighted to organise a Continuous Professional Development for Nursing & Midwifery Staff stand at both Nenagh Hospital and UHL in December. Helen Browne, Graduate Professional Studies, UL, Louise Barry, Nursing & Midwifery UL, and colleagues had lots of information on continuous professional development courses for all healthcare staff. The next roadshows will take place in Spring 2024 at the additional UL Hospitals sites. [Click here for further information on courses.](#)

HSE Excellence Awards 2023

We were delighted that Health Sciences Academy team members, Mairead de Brun and Verity Hayes, with NCHD Training Lead, Dr John McManus and NCHD Dr Niall Nagle, were shortlisted for the HSE Excellence Award in 2023. They proudly accepted a recognition award from Prof Colette Cowan, CEO UL Hospitals Group. Their submission focused on the impact of the NCHD app. Well done to everyone who was involved!



Effective Medical Interview Skills Workshops

SHOs, Regs & SpRs from UL Hospitals attended the annual Effective Medical Interview Skills workshops provided by Jo Irwin, i4 Training in CERC in December. These workshops are organised annually ahead of the scheme & non scheme interviews. These popular workshops are organised by UL Hospitals Training Lead Team and sponsored by NDTP Jo Irwin, i4 Training also offers additional 1;1 medical interview coaching. For further information [click here.](#)



INNOVATION



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**MIDWEST INNOVATION CALL:
DO YOU HAVE AN
INNOVATIVE IDEA THAT
COULD GIVE TIME BACK TO
HEALTHCARE STAFF?**

Up to €3000 in Innovation Funding available for
healthcare workers with winning proposals!

Closing Date: 12th January 24



Submit your ideas here

The Midwest Innovation in Healthcare Committee have launched the Call for Ideas that would give time back to healthcare staff. This initiative is funded by HSE Spark Innovation Programme and supported by the Design Thinking team's online workshops. Up to €3,000 funding will be awarded to the winning proposal. **All healthcare colleagues across the Midwest can submit their ideas via the short form by clicking here.**

The Spark Innovation Programme is now providing a range of workshops to assist frontline staff in their innovation journey. These enable you to develop a design thinking mindset to problems in your workplace and learn how to give the perfect pitch!

Design thinking Inspiration with Trevor Vaughn

A 1.5 hour stand alone workshop (online) to inspire frontline healthcare staff of all levels to learn more about design thinking

Design thinking Introduction with Martin Ryan

- **This is a two part course with a 3.5 hour morning session from 9.30 to 13.00** will introduce you to Design thinking, a user centered methodology to problem solving and innovation. By exploring the process, tools and mindset of design thinking in an interactive session (online). The first and most critical step is ensuring you understand the needs of each user a key stakeholder. This session will introduce a number of the most useful and popular methods for this first phase of work.
- For part 2 the afternoon session of this day from 14.00 to 17.00 - we recommend you stay online and attend the full day. Part 2 introduces you to how to do the perfect pitch. If you are shortlisted in Spark Seed you must have attended part 1 and part 2 to pitch to Spark. If you cannot stay for the full day please book into another month's part 2 session.

**The next Online workshop is on 14th February 2024
To find out more and secure your place please click here.**



RESEARCH

Elaine Berkery, Lecturer in Management, UL, mentioned that she is “Delighted that our paper titled *“Protocol and Systematic Literature Review: Talent Management of International Nurses in Healthcare Settings “* won the Best Development Paper award in the Public Management and Governance Track at the British Academy of Management (BAM) conference 2023. Looking forward to future publications from this project and working with Helen Purtill, Claire O' Donnell, Bernie O Malley and Sidra Zulfiqar .” This project is funded by monies received by Dr. Nuala Ryan and Elaine Berkery under BAM Funded Transition Projects (2021).

Miriam McCarthy, Health Sciences Academy Manager said “Congratulations Elaine, really delighted for you all. This illustrates perfectly an academic health sciences system in action- practice informing research and research informing practice. Fabulous work and collaboration.”

Developing a talent management framework for domestically and internationally trained nurses and midwives in healthcare organizations: A mixed-methods research protocol

Elaine Berkery, Nuala Ryan, Bernadette O'Malley, Helen Purtill, Claire O'Donnell

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Health Sciences Academy Early Careers Event 2024



This virtual event is taking place on three separate dates, hosted by the Health Sciences Academy in collaboration with the Limerick and Clare Education & Training Board, and supported by the Limerick Education Support Centre. The live webinar is focused on students in post-primary schools. It aims to provide information on healthcare as an option for further study and as a career. Hear from current university-based students and healthcare professionals across a range of areas explaining ‘a day in the life’, career journey and advice on subject choice. There will be three morning sessions (1.45 hours for each session)

Session Dates: Tuesday, 30th January 2024 , Thursday, 1st February, 2024 & Wednesday, 7th February 2024

Session Time: 9.15am to 11am

The event timetable will be available here soon. [Click here to register for the event.](#)

Events at Clinical Education & Research Centre (CERC), UHL

19th January 2024	Grand Rounds	Dr Aoife Leahy, Consultant Geriatrician, UL Hospitals Group.	1pm - 2pm
25th January 2024	Grand Rounds	Mr Mekki Medani, Consultant Vascular Surgeon, UHL	1pm - 2pm
9th February 2024	Grand Rounds	Dr Martin Neary, Army Medical Officer	1pm - 2pm