

# Health Sciences Academy Newsletter

Building an Academic Health Science System in the Mid-West Region



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## WELCOME

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

## EDUCATION



Croom Hospital



Nenagh Hospital



Ennis Hospital



St John's Hospital



University Hospital Limerick



Maternity Hospital

## Professional Pathways Roadshow Spring 2024

University of Limerick and Health Sciences Academy would like to thank all who were involved with and supported the recent roadshows across the UL Hospitals Group and St. John's Hospital, Limerick on upskilling initiatives and funding opportunities for professional learners. As always, there was amazing support from Graduate Professional Studies, Department of Nursing and Midwifery UL, Flexible Learning Centre, Faculty of Science and Engineering, University of Limerick, Faculty of Education and Health Sciences UL, Kemmy Business School, Operational Services, Directors of Nursing & Midwifery and Health Sciences Academy. Two micro credential modules that may be of interest to HSE staff will be subsidised by 50% through the HEA so applicants will only have to pay 50% of the fee from March 2024 - October 2025. [Click here to find out more.](#)

## Behind the Scenes - Junior Health Sciences Academy's Care Aware Crew



Supporting our young people through Junior Health Sciences Academy, filming of the *Brilliant Brain* animated video with Dr. Elijah Chaila Consultant Neurologist, University Hospital Limerick took place recently. This video is one of a series in the annual Care Aware Crew initiative launched last month for primary school Teachers and pupils across Limerick and Clare. [Click here to find out more.](#)



# INNOVATION

Health Sciences  
Academy

Ospidéil QL  
UL Hospitals  
Working together. Caring for you.

UNIVERSITY OF  
LIMERICK  
Limerick Institute of  
Technology

HSE MID WEST  
Mid West Health Region

Bringing together research, innovation, education and clinical practice

HE Spark  
Innovation Programme

Rapid Innovation Unit

Department of  
Public Health  
Mid-West

## MID WEST INNOVATION IN HEALTHCARE PITCHING EVENT!

Friday April 12th 2024

10:30am



Main Auditorium, CERC - Refreshments provided



**Finalists pictured above will be presenting their ideas at the event.**

The Mid West Innovation in Healthcare Steering Committee is delighted to host the Mid West Innovation in Healthcare Pitching Final. Innovative minds from across the region will come together to pitch their groundbreaking ideas on 12th April 2024 at 10:30 am in the CERC Auditorium UHL. Ten teams from the HSE Mid West Health Region and University of Limerick have been working on their projects for the last number of weeks, with the help of designer Martin Ryan of Actionable Innovation, and are ready to pitch to gain support and funding.

The winning project will be guaranteed support towards implementation, including seed funding of €3000 towards their idea. This event would not be possible without support from our colleagues at the HSE Spark Innovation Programme.

There will also be an excellent opportunity to road test the latest in VR healthcare software with ShineVR showcasing their latest products and software on the day (will present during judges deliberations).

ShineVR is an immersive Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) platform delivering personalised experiences for Enterprise and Healthcare employees. The Wellbeing programme consists of multiple immersive interactive Virtual Reality spaces. It is designed to deliver 3 key benefits:

- Stress reduction which results in reduced attrition and increased productivity
- Improved wellness which results in better physical and mental health
- Improved memory and cognition which results in an increase in quality and competency

Come along and support your colleagues

**All staff are welcome to come along**

#InnovateMW @HealthSciAcadLK @RIU\_UL @ProgrammeSpark @PublicHealthMW @ULHospitals @CommHealthMW @MSCDesignHealth

# RESEARCH

[Click here to see how to Submit your Abstracts for the 2024 ULHG NCHD Conference.](#)



## 2024 NCHD Conference

Clinical Education and Research Centre  
University Hospital Limerick

**Thursday the 16th May 2024**

 ENTER TO WIN PRIZES



**OPEN NOW FOR ABSTRACTS**

Call for abstracts open: 29th February

2024 Closing date for abstracts: 11th April  
2024.

We are inviting all NCHDs to submit Research, Audit,  
and Quality Improvement abstracts from their training  
year (2023/24) at **UL Hospitals Group**

Submit your abstract VIA the NCHD App under the:  
2024 NCHD Conference section

Scan QR code to download the App now:

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Grand Rounds at Clinical Education & Research Centre (CERC), UHL, Fridays 1pm - 2pm

12th April

Dr Liam Casserly, Consultant Nephrologist University Hospital Limerick

19th April

Prof Sean Gaine, Consultant Respiratory Physician Mater Misericordiae  
University Hospital & Director of the National Pulmonary Hypertension Unit

26th April

Prof Colum Dunne, Head of School of Medicine, University of Limerick