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Friday 23rd October 2020,
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Seminar Programme

09:30	Zoom link will open	
09:45	Introduction and welcome	Dr. Karen Foley Interim Chief Executive Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
Session 1 Chairperson: Dr. Brian Waldron, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (Q&A to follow each speaker)		
09:50	Family focused rehabilitation: supporting children in the adult ABI programme	Philomena Butler Senior Social Worker National Rehabilitation Hospital
10:20	Attempted suicide leading to acquired brain injury: establishing the knowledge	Ciara Higgins Assistant Psychologist Health Service Executive
10:50	TBI and neurosurgical interventions in the acute setting	Dr. Michael Amoo Specialist Registrar in Neurosurgery Beaumont Hospital
11:20	Break for 20 minutes	
Session 2 Chairperson: Dr. Lorraine Crawley, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland (Q&A to follow each speaker)		
11:40	Detecting conscious awareness in behaviourally non-responsive patients after severe brain injury	Dr. Lorina Naci Assistant Professor of Psychology School of Psychology and Global Brain Health Institute Trinity College Dublin
12:10	Traumatic Brain Injury: epidemiology and rehabilitation in Ireland	Professor Anthony Staines Professor of Health Systems Dr. Catherine Corrigan Dublin City University
12:40	Setting out our research priorities 2020-2024	Dr. Lorraine Crawley Senior Clinical Psychologist Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
12:55	Closing remarks	Dr. Karen Foley Interim Chief Executive Acquired Brain Injury Ireland
13:00	Ends	

Biographies of Seminar Speakers and Chairpersons

Philomena Butler, Senior Social Worker, National Rehabilitation Hospital



Phil Butler has been a medical social worker for 14 years, starting out in acute hospitals, and moving to the National Rehabilitation Hospital as a Senior Social Worker in 2013. She works on a 19-bed inpatient acquired brain injury ward with an interdisciplinary team. Her role involves undertaking psychosocial assessments, providing practical and emotional support to patients and families, as well as advocacy work and discharge planning. In 2018, Phil designed a resource pack for rehabilitation teams to support a more family focused approach to rehabilitation. She has also been involved in a joint NRH (social work department) and University College Dublin research project on patient, family and staff experiences of family meetings in a rehabilitation setting. In addition to the resource pack and the family meetings research, Phil commenced a PhD in Social Work (part-time) in 2018 and is now in her second year. The focus of the PhD is the exploration of the support needs of families where a mother has an ABI. She hopes to undertake a Participatory Action Research approach to the research.

Ciara Higgins, Assistant Psychologist, Health Service Executive



Ciara Higgins is an Assistant Psychologist working within the Health Service Executive. She holds a BA in Psychology from Maynooth University and an MPsychSc in Applied Psychology from University College Dublin. Her research on attempted suicide leading to acquired brain injury was conducted as part of her MPsychSc in UCD and has since been published in Brain Injury Journal. She has a specific interest in disability throughout the life span, and since completing her studies has worked in a number of disability services. These include Jonix Educational Services, a pre-school service for children with a diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Blossom Ireland, a service for teenagers and young people with intellectual disabilities and ASD aimed at preparing them for life after school by developing skills for living independently in the community, socially and in the workplace.

Dr. Michael Amoo, Specialist Registrar in Neurosurgery, Beaumont Hospital



Michael Amoo is a Specialist Registrar (SpR) in Neurosurgery at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin, Ireland. Working as part of a multi-disciplinary team, he is involved in the management of patients with a variety of brain disorders. He has a special research interest in traumatic brain injury.

Dr. Lorina Naci, Assistant Professor of Psychology, School of Psychology and Global Brain Health Institute, Trinity College Dublin



Dr Lorina Naci is an Assistant Professor of Psychology and heads the Cognition and Consciousness lab at Trinity College Dublin. In recent work, she has used neuroimaging to detect awareness in some brain-injured individuals who appear to be entirely unconscious. This work has enabled some of these individuals to communicate their thoughts and wishes to the outside world. Concurrently, her work explores the medico-ethical and societal implications of these applications to build ethical guidelines for use in clinical settings. Naci's work has been published in high-impact scientific journals and covered widely in the international media, including the CBC, BBC, Science, Nature, The New Scientist, and The Times. In 2017, she received the highly prestigious L'Oréal-Unesco For Women In Science International Rising Talent award. Dr Naci is member of the Governing Board of the Global Brain Health Institute. Her group is funded by the Wellcome Trust, the Irish Research Council, and Enterprise Ireland.

Professor Anthony Staines, Professor of Health Systems Dublin City University



Anthony works as the Professor of Health Systems in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health in Dublin City University. He is a medical academic, an experienced director, and a public health doctor. After clinical training in paediatrics, and public health, he has worked as an academic, and a policy analyst. His research includes work on disability service, carers, health information and cancer. He is a PI on a study of Pathways Through Rehabilitation following Traumatic Brain Injury. He is the chair of St. Michael's House, and formerly chaired the Irish Blood Transfusion Service.

Dr. Catherine Corrigan, Assistant Professor, Dublin City University



Catherine is a Nurse Practitioner (Board Certified, USA) who holds a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from the University of Detroit Mercy. She has extensive experience in brain injuries, working alongside world renowned neurosurgeons (Dr. Al Rhoten) at Shands Hospital at the University of Florida. Catherine is an Assistant Professor at Dublin City University and Chair of the first Advanced Practice nursing programme in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Catherine enjoys research and is currently involved in a multisite national traumatic brain injury research project in Ireland.

Dr. Lorraine Crawley, Senior Clinical Psychologist, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Dr. Lorraine Crawley has held the position of Senior Clinical Psychologist with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland for the past 6 years, having previously worked in the HSE. She is a member of the Psychological Society of Ireland and the British Psychological Society. Lorraine is the current Chair of the ABI Ireland Research & Ethics Committee. She has provided clinical supervision and input for Masters and Doctoral psychology research on topics including executive functioning, loneliness and critical psychology, which have involved collaborations with University of Limerick, Trinity College Dublin and Maastricht University. She is currently involved in research studies on fatigue management, compassion focused therapy and an evaluation of the ABI Ireland 'On With Life' project. Lorraine is also collaborating with Manchester Metropolitan University and University of Limerick on a longitudinal outcomes study.

Dr. Karen Foley, Interim Chief Executive, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Karen is currently Acquired Brain Injury Ireland's Interim CEO. She worked in the organisation as a National Service Manager role for 4 years and also had responsibility for clinical and rehabilitation processes and standards nationally. Karen has 14 years' experience of working in the disability sector and has extensive management and clinical expertise in developing and delivering quality-driven services. Karen represents the organisation on a range of fora. She was a member of the HSE Working Group that developed the Neuro-rehabilitation Implementation Plan 2019-2021. She is also a member of the HSE's Managed Clinical Rehabilitation Network Demonstrator Project steering group. Karen has a PhD from Trinity College Dublin, a postgraduate qualification in Healthcare Management from Institute for Public Administration and is a Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer accredited by the Brain Injury Association of America. As Interim CEO, Karen is a strong advocate for the provision of the highest quality neuro-rehabilitation services across Ireland.

Dr. Brian Waldron, Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist, Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Brian is a Principal Clinical Neuropsychologist with Acquired Brain Injury Ireland. He has worked with ABI Ireland since 2006. He previously held the post of Locum Senior Clinical Psychologist with the National Rehabilitation Hospital for 4 months. Brian has also worked as a Clinical Psychologist for the HSE over 5 years and was involved in the assessment and treatment of a variety of problems occurring in children, adults and families. Prior to his doctorate training he worked for Headway Ireland in 1999 as a Vocational Training Officer and was involved in research on adjustment to spinal cord injuries from 1996 to 1998. He has been developing expertise in working with people with neurological damage over the last two decades. Brian holds a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from University College Dublin and Master's degrees from University College Dublin and Trinity College Dublin. He is a former chair of the Psychological Society of Ireland (PSI) Division of Neuropsychology and was the PSI rep on the National Clinical Program for Rehabilitation Medicine Working Group for several years. Brian teaches on the Trinity College Dublin Doctorate in Clinical Psychology Programme and on the University College Dublin Masters in Rehabilitation and Disability studies. Brian has been appointed President of the World Congress on Brain Injury and will lead the Scientific Committee for the Dublin 2021 World Congress event from 23-26 March, 2022.



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