EDITORIAL

Welcome to our winter edition! In a packed issue we report on the HSE’s new National Health Service Librarian, the Open Access Research Awards and the Dr Steevens’ Library user engagement survey, an impressive piece of research by Gethin White. We also have a fascinating article on Dr Steevens’ and 1916, by Prof. Davis Coakley, and of course our regular updates of new clinical literature and resources.

The staff of Dr Steevens’ Library wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

FIRST NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE LIBRARIAN FOR THE HSE

The new HSE National Health Service Librarian—the first in the organisation’s history—is none other than our own Systems Librarian, Aoife Lawton. Aoife has been a HSE librarian since 2002 and has a wide reputation as an innovator and researcher in the library sector. See Page 4 for the full story.
The third HSE Open Access Research Awards were held in the Boardroom, Dr Steevens' Hospital on December 9th 2016 and presented by Dr Stephanie O’Keeffe, National Director of the HSE’s Health and Wellbeing division.

Addressing the recipients of the awards, Dr O’Keeffe said that “your diligence, professionalism and commitment to scholarly research make a real, measurable difference to the health and wellbeing of people in this country”.

The overall award went to Richard Conway of Galway University Hospital for his work on the paper *Methotrexate use and risk of lung disease in psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, and inflammatory bowel disease: systematic literature review and meta-analysis of randomised controlled trials*. Richard’s paper was described by the judges as “exceptionally thorough and accurate...overall an excellent piece of work.”

List of Category Winners:

**Acute Hospitals category:** Shane Knox and colleagues, for their paper *A qualitative assessment of practitioner perspectives post-introduction of the first Continuous Professional Competence (CPC) guidelines for emergency medical technicians in Ireland*.

**Clinical Strategy & Programmes category:** Mary Clare O’Hara and colleagues for their paper *A systematic review of interventions to improve outcomes for young adults with Type 1 diabetes*.

**Health & Wellbeing category:** Suja Somanadhan and P.J. Larkin for their paper *Parents’ experiences of living with, and caring for children, adolescents and young adults with Mucopolysaccharidosis (MPS)*.

**Mental Health category:** Ken O’Reilly and colleagues for their paper *Study protocol: a randomised controlled trial of cognitive remediation for a national cohort of forensic mental health patients with schizophrenia or schizoaffective disorder*.

**National Cancer Control Programmes category:** Alison Johnston and colleagues for their paper *Failure to engage in breast screening and risk assessment results in more advanced stage at diagnosis*.

**Primary Care category:** Claire Fitzgerald and colleagues for their paper *Rapid identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing of positive blood cultures using MALDI-TOF MS and a modification of the standardised disc diffusion test: a pilot study*.

**Quality Improvement category:** Colum Dunne and colleagues for their paper *A national study of Continuous Professional Competence (CPC) amongst pre-hospital practitioners*.

**Social Care category:** Catherine Dempsey and colleagues for their paper *Towards a more person-centred home care service: A study of the preferences of older adults and home care workers*.
Dr Stephanie O’Keeffe, addressing the recipients of the 2016 awards

Dr Stephanie O’Keeffe, Dr Maire O’Connor and Dr Greg Martin at the awards

Ken O’Reilly, winner in the Mental Health category, receiving his prize

Mary Clare O’Hara, winner in the Clinical Strategy & Programmes category
The New HSE National Health Service Librarian

Aoife Lawton’s CV

In her previous role as systems librarian, Aoife set up Lenus, the Irish health repository, which currently ranks 4th among online repositories in Ireland. Since its launch in 2009, Lenus has become recognized as an authoritative, secure online source of publications and research in Irish healthcare. Aoife was also responsible for automating all library management functions in the HSE Dublin, Wicklow and Kildare area, and introduced an online system for managing literature searches.

Aoife is a published author of several journal articles and of the book *The Invisible Librarian – A Librarian’s Guide to Increasing Visibility and Impact*. A priority for Aoife in her new role as National Health Service Librarian will be to increase both the visibility and impact of the work of HSE librarians and library staff in the health services.

Aoife believes that librarians are key to an evidence informed approach to health, and HSE libraries are important learning spaces which facilitate staff engagement, learning and knowledge transfer.

Aoife was project manager for the first HSE library unified website [www.hselibrary.ie](http://www.hselibrary.ie) and co-founder of Repository Network Ireland. She is chair of the International Programme Committee bringing the International Congress of Medical Librarianship to Ireland in 2017 for the first time.

Aoife is an advocate for Evidence Based Library and Information Practice and will bring that approach to her new role. There are many challenges ahead in an evolving health service. A new consolidated library service will play a central part through the provision of quality assured, evidence based resources with value for money and an equitable access model as underlying features.

Keep Up To Date

- **Primary Care—latest research**
- **Palliative Care—latest research**
- **Cancer Care—latest research**
- **Quality Improvement—latest research**
- **Health and Wellbeing—latest research**
- **Patient Safety—latest research**

If you would like to join the mailing list for any of our research updates, contact us at regionallibrary@hse.ie, stating which updates you’d like to receive.
New Open Access video

As well as rewarding research excellence in the health services, the Open Access awards saw the launch of a new video by Dr Greg Martin of the HSE’s Public Health Department, explaining what Open Access publishing is, and how it can benefit researchers in the health services. Greg has extensive experience in Open Access publishing and his short, punchy video is an excellent introduction to the subject. See also Page 12.

National HSE Librarian Aoife Lawton introduces the new video from Dr Greg Martin

RETIREMENT OF TOODY GAVIN

November 2016 saw the retirement of Toody Gavin, long-serving manager of Naas General Hospital Library. Toody joined the library service in 2001 and for the last 15 years has single-handedly provided the staff of NGH with all their research requirements. We wish Toody all the best in her undoubtedly very busy retirement!

REPOSITORY NETWORK IRELAND SEMINAR

To celebrate Open Access Week (24th-30th October 2016), Repository Network Ireland organised a lively and enjoyable “teachmeet” in the beautiful premises of the Royal Irish Academy. Speakers from the library and digital repository field spoke about altmetrics, Open Access and measuring repository activity. Speakers included:

Stuart Kenny (Digital Repository of Ireland)
Joseph Greene (University College Dublin)
Eimear Evans (Queen’s University Belfast)
Jane Burns (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland)
Ashling Hayes (Trinity College Dublin)
Aoife Lawton (Health Service Executive)

Speakers at the RNI event to celebrate Open Access Week (l-r: Stuart Kenny, Aoife Lawton, Joseph Greene, Eimear Evans, Ashling Hayes, Jane Burns and Stephanie Ronan)
Dr. Eddie Murphy (Principal Psychologist, HSE Carlow-Kilkenny) chaired the conference proceedings with grace and ease. The opening address was given by Anne O’Connor, National Director, Mental Health Division, calling health care providers to hold the belief that people can change and must work together to improve health outcomes for mental health service users.

Dr Michael Nash spoke about his literature review, exploring physical illness co-morbidity among people with serious mental illness. Dr. Nash said that 60% of premature death among those with serious mental illness is due to medical issues. Access to physical care for individuals using mental health services is a very real issue. Dr. Nash’s research debunks the widely-held belief that people with severe mental health problems cannot change their behaviour. He challenged the attitudes not just of health professionals and the public but in particular the attitudes of mental health service users.

The most compelling element of the day was the interview with Dr. David Shiers, retired GP who spoke passionately about his daughter Mary who suffers from schizophrenia. He spoke candidly about the care Mary received and the challenges his family faced in managing her medications and lifestyle. Professor Mary Clarke, Consultant Psychiatrist St. John of Gods conducted the interview with great sensitivity and understanding.

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds study day included an impressive range of posters, not least the Drop Everything Read (D.E.A.R.) poster presented by Bennery Rickard, Library Services Manager, Dr. Steevens Hospital. This health literacy intervention is designed to help busy health professionals to access the literature relevant to their work.

Bennery Rickard explains the DEAR campaign

Videos from the ‘Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds’ conference

Dr David Shiers speaking at the Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds conference

A quick roundup of the conference highlights
The bodies of two Irish Volunteers and five British soldiers have been lying side-by-side in a garden behind Dr Steevens’ Hospital since 1916. The names of two members of the Irish Volunteers, Sean Owens and Peter Wilson, are inscribed on one headstone. The names of five soldiers can be read on another headstone nearby.

Sean Owens was from the Coombe and he was educated locally by the Christian Brothers. After leaving school he became an apprentice artificial limb maker and he joined the 4th Battalion of the Irish Volunteers. He was one of the first volunteers to die on Easter Monday 1916. The 4th Battalion was under the command of commandant Eamonn Ceannt and vice commandant Cathal Brugha. Early on Easter Monday the Battalion assembled in Emerald Square. At 11:30 am the battalion left the square and marched towards the South Dublin Union which stood on the site now occupied by St James’s Hospital. The South Dublin Union was chosen for occupation because of its strategic position between the Richmond barracks in Inchicore and Dublin Castle. One of the main objectives of the volunteers in the South Dublin Union was to prevent soldiers from entering the city through Mount Brown and James’s Street. At that time there were fields known as McCaffrey’s estate to the west of the Union. Soldiers advancing towards the city from the Richmond barracks would have to pass these fields. Ceannt placed 12 men in McCaffrey’s Fields.

The 3rd Battalion of the Royal Irish Regiment was quartered in Richmond barracks. There were just over 400 men, most of them Irish, in the barracks. Some of these soldiers had no combat experience and others had returned from active service in France. At about 12 o’clock the commander of the barracks was informed of the Rising and was ordered to send his troops to Dublin Castle. Major Philip Holmes left immediately with 100 men for the castle. As these men marched up Mount Brown the volunteers in McCaffrey’s Fields opened fire on them and three soldiers fell on the road. The other soldiers sought cover by breaking into houses opposite the Union, and in the subsequent exchange of fire between the soldiers and the Volunteers John Owens was killed.

Peter Wilson was a 40-year-old man from Swords in 1916. On Easter Monday he went to Finglas, and the next day he and 19 other men made their way to the GPO where they were instructed to go to the Mendicity Institute on Usher’s Island, where Sean Heuston was in command. The fighting around the Institute was very intense and the volunteers were under sustained attack by rifle fire, machine guns, and grenades.

On Thursday they were surrounded and it was clear that their position could not be sustained. They were running short of food and ammunition and two of their comrades were severely injured. Heuston consulted with the men and the majority agreed that there was no option but to surrender. As the volunteers emerged with their hands on their heads Peter Wilson was shot dead by a sniper’s bullet from a nearby brewery. He was taken to Dr Steevens’ Hospital but did not survive and he and Sean Owens were buried in the garden behind the hospital. A memorial to Owens and Wilson was erected over the grave in 1935.

The names of five soldiers are inscribed on the headstone on the adjacent grave. They include the names of three soldiers from the Royal Irish Regiment, M. Carr, J. Duffy and T. Tracy, one Sherwood Forester named G.W. Barnett, and a Lancer named O. Bentley.

A civilian casualty of the Rising, Rosanna Heffernan, was shot in her home directly opposite the South Dublin Union. She was taken to Dr Steevens’ Hospital where she died from her wound.
Dr Steevens’ Library
User Engagement Study
2016

You may recall that in March’s edition of the HSE Library Update that we ran a piece on the user engagement research being carried out by Gethin White from Dr Steevens’ Library. The aim of this research was to gather opinion on users’ information needs and how well the library was responding to them.

A total of 83 staff (mainly based in Dr Steevens’ Hospital) participated in the one-to-one interviews, which were conducted between February and April 2016. The final report will be published shortly and will be available in Lenus. The feedback given in the interviews will inform future library planning and decision making.

Key findings included:

Library users wanted more training content to be published on the library’s ‘Lib Guides’ platform
Library users wanted the library to extend the number of current awareness digests that they produce and to provide more critical evaluation of the articles profiled in the digests
Library users wanted the library to provide more clearly defined standards around the services it provides
Library users greatly valued the expertise of the library staff and the services that they deliver.

Thank you to all who participated in this research.
RECENT RESEARCH OF IRISH INTEREST


Recent HSE Publications

- Review of current policy and practice in the provision of home care to children with complex medical conditions
- Home Sharing in Intellectual Disability Services in Ireland

Recent HSE Publications

Department of Health Publications

Report to the Minister for Health on an Evaluation and Analysis of Returns for 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2016 including advice on Risk Equalisation Credits

The Surgical Symphysiotomy Ex Gratia Payment Scheme Report

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January 2017

14th Jan - RAMI intern Section Study Day. Venue: RCPI, Kildare St, Dublin 2. Register Here

21st Jan - Irish MR Imaging Meeting 2017. Venue: Lyrath Estate, Co Kilkenny Register Here

21st Jan - Basic Life Support and Medical Emergencies. Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dublin Airport. More Info


February 2017


March 2017


6th – 9th Mar - 7th World Congress on Women's Mental Health. Venue: RDS Dublin. Register Here


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New Reviews from the Cochrane Library

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Haloperidol for long-term aggression in psychosis

Chronotherapy versus conventional statins therapy for the treatment of hyperlipidaemia

Early skin-to-skin contact for mothers and their healthy newborn infants

Oxygen for breathlessness in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease who do not qualify for home oxygen therapy

Written information for patients (or parents of child patients) to reduce the use of antibiotics for acute upper respiratory tract infections in primary care

Educational interventions for the management of cancer-related fatigue in adults

Follow-up strategies for patients treated for non-metastatic colorectal cancer

Valproate for schizophrenia

Zinc supplementation for tinnitus

Pancreatic enzyme replacement therapy for people with cystic fibrosis

Interventions for tobacco use cessation in people in treatment for or recovery from substance use disorders

Non-medical prescribing versus medical prescribing for acute and chronic disease management in primary and secondary care

Pharmacological interventions for pruritus in adult palliative care patients

Repetitive task training for improving functional ability after stroke

Antihypertensive withdrawal for the prevention of cognitive decline
NEW HSE VIDEOS

Dr Greg Martin talks about Open Access Publishing
Health Voices Choir Christmas fundraiser
Awareness video for Dementia
Animated video promoting the eReferrals project

Library Training

Upcoming Dates:
- 5th January 2017
- 9th February 2017

11.30-1.00 pm in the Library Training Room
Please book your place in advance. Tel: 01-635 2558

Library training covers:
- Finding information fast
- Library resources
- Library services

Dr Steevens’ Library Christmas Closing Dates

The library will close on 23rd December 2016 and re-open on Tuesday 3rd January 2017. We wish all our readers the very best for Christmas and the New Year!

Nollaig Shona Diabh go lèir!