Welcome to our first issue of 2017. In this Spring edition we have all our regular features, a special round-up of new books available to borrow, and an interview with Ronan Hegarty, Naas General Hospital’s new librarian.

NEW LIBRARIAN IN NAAS GENERAL HOSPITAL

Ronan Hegarty has been appointed as librarian in Naas General Hospital. A native of Co. Clare, Ronan spent four and a half years working in the UK, firstly with the NHS and subsequently with the European Medicines Agency. In this issue he talks about...
Interview: Ronan Hegarty

Have you worked in health libraries before?

Yes, I worked as a hospital librarian for the NHS in London. My main duty was as a teaching librarian, responsible for all training sessions and inductions for staff as well as students on placement. Most recently, I worked as the information specialist at the European Medicines Agency in London. The Agency’s mission is the protection of public and animal health through the scientific evaluation and supervision of medicines. My role there involved managing a small team, being responsible for the budget of the library and acquiring resources/services for the library through a procurement process.

Describe your working day?

As I only started working for Naas General Hospital a few weeks ago, my days are mainly spent getting up to speed with the various procedures of the library as well as liaising with contacts from the various hospital departments as well as student tutors to promote the library service. To this end, I have created various PowerPoint presentations and presented them at several meetings and student inductions. Most recently, I presented an hour long session to the Physiotherapy department. On a daily basis, I help students on placement and members of staff with queries on how to access and use online resources, how to set up an OpenAthens account and (slowly!) getting through the mound of books that need to be catalogued.
What services are available?

Users of the library facility itself have access to our collection of print books which cover a wide range of medical topics. The library also has a study area, 4 PCs, with access to WiFi as well as printing and photocopying facilities. Library users also have access to HSE East electronic resources. These resources include a wide number of electronic journals, databases, ebooks, point-of-care tools amongst others. The library provides a literature search service and can also acquire articles from journals that are not subscribed to by the library. Users also have access to a qualified librarian who can assist them with their research questions.

Any words of wisdom for your library users or non-users?

**Library Users:** The myriad of electronic resources can appear very challenging to navigate for the uninitiated. Please ask me to help if you have any questions or feel you are not getting the most out of what is available to you.

**Non-users:** I would urge non-users of the library to pay a visit. It is a quiet, air-conditioned environment with access to PCs with the latest version of several applications and a strong WiFi signal. You also have access to a friendly librarian that can assist you with your studies and efforts to stay up to date with professional development.

Contact Ronan at 045-849571 or ronan.hegarty@hse.ie
The Love Life Love Walking Day took place on 14th February 2017, as part of the HSE Operation Transformation initiative. HSE employees across the country were invited to walk with colleagues and share photos on the “Get Ireland Active” Twitter, Instagram and Facebook pages.

Not to be outdone, Dr. Steevens Library put the runners on, printed off the posters, tweeted the event and with support from the Health & Wellbeing side of the house organised free Healthy Ireland tee-shirts for the first 15 walkers.

Much to our surprise and joy 36 staff joined us on the day. Bennery Rickard, Regional Librarian, gave the pep talk and welcomed everyone to the wonderful Dr. Steevens Library. We were joined by Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, Minister of State for Health Promotion, giving the occasion the Healthy Ireland stamp of approval.

We headed off to the Royal Hospital Kilmainham and back, a journey of 2.25 kilometres. The weather was good and everybody in great form and really up for the challenge. We had staff from HR, Communications, Public Health, Health & Wellbeing, Quality Improvement and many other departments. It was great to see the people of Dr. Steevens Hospital coming together.

On the way we met colleagues from the Physiotherapy Department of St. James Hospital and we all cheered. It was like being on a school tour. Sarah McCormack, rounded off the event taking photos and videos and interviewing Minister Marcella Corcoran Kennedy, making sure that this unique occasion was recorded. It was indeed a day to remember.

Participants in the Love Ireland Walking Day gearing up for some fresh air and exercise
New Books In Our Libraries
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RECENT RESEARCH OF IRISH INTEREST


Recent HSE Publications

- Medical Workforce Planning Future: Demand for General Practitioners 2015-2025
- Strategy for the design of integrated outpatient services 2016-2020
- HSE National Framework for developing Policies, Procedures, Protocols and Guidelines (PPPGs)

Department of Health Publications

- Review group on the National Children's Hospital
- National Clinical Effectiveness Committee standards for clinical practice guidance

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April 2017

25th April - Moving Points in Palliative Care, 22nd Annual Conference. Venue: Education & Research Centre, Our Lady's Hospice & Care Services, Harold's Cross, Dublin 6. Register Here

28th April - 3rd International Conference on Paediatric Spasticity, Orthopaedic, and Postural Management. Venue: Rochestown Park Hotel, Rochestown Road, Cork Register Here

May 2017

4th – 5th May - Annual Congress of Anaesthesia 2017. Venue: O’Reilly Hall, UCD, Belfield, Dublin 4 Register Here

16th May 2017 - “Nursing and Midwifery Values in Practice” Conference and Bursary Award. Conference Centre, Dublin Castle. Register here.

23rd May - Paediatric Continence Workshop. Venue: Waterfront, Belfast Register Here

June 2017

15th June - 2017 Health Promotion Conference, Promoting Health and Wellbeing in the Workplace. Venue: NUI, Galway Register Here

17th June - Irish Integrative Healthcare Conference - Managing Dementia: Are Nutrition and Lifestyle the Key? Venue: Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin Register Here
Cochrane Reviews and Protocols are published continuously, and are added to the current issue until the end of the month when the issue closes.

First and second trimester serum tests with and without first trimester ultrasound tests for Down's syndrome screening
First trimester ultrasound tests alone or in combination with first trimester serum tests for Down's syndrome screening
Benzodiazepines for restless legs syndrome
Surgical versus non-surgical management for pleural empyema
Compulsory community and involuntary outpatient treatment for people with severe mental disorders
Deprescribing versus continuation of chronic proton pump inhibitor use in adults
Vitamin C supplementation for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease
Addition of anti-leukotriene agents to inhaled corticosteroids for adults and adolescents with persistent asthma
Infant formulas containing hydrolysed protein for prevention of allergic disease and food allergy
Psychosocial group interventions to improve psychological well-being in adults living with HIV
Corticosteroids for tuberculous pleurisy
Risk scoring for the primary prevention of cardiovascular disease
Pharmacological interventions for acute hepatitis C infection: an attempted network meta-analysis
Interventions to improve inhaler technique for people with asthma
Vitamin A supplementation for preventing morbidity and mortality in children from six months to five years of age
Frenotomy for tongue-tie in newborn infants
Online support groups for women with breast cancer
Antibiotic treatment for Clostridium difficile-associated diarrhoea in adults
Botulinum toxin for the treatment of strabismus
New HSE Videos

National Rehabilitation Hospital hand hygiene video

Electronic radiology record

New Current Research Digests from Dr Steevens’ Library

Mental health current research Jan-Mar 2017

Palliative Care Digest March 2017

Sepsis Digest Jan 2017

Paediatric Digest March 2017

DEAR Spring 2017 10 to 15 mins reads

Health & Wellbeing Digest Jan 2017

Quality Improvement Digest Feb 17

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