**Head Medical Social Workers SIG**

**Summary of Meeting**

**Date:** 30.04.2024 **Location:** Virtual Meeting **Chair:** Aoife O’ Neill **Secretary:** Andrea Ward

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| **Attendees**  | **Apologies** |
| Eimer Gilchrist – Safeguarding Lead | Sheila McCrory – CHI Crumlin Hospital |
| Niamh Finucane – St Francis Hospice | Heather Hawthorne – Mater Hospital |
| Andrea Ward – Cappagh Hospital | Laura Harrington – National Maternity Hospital |
| Mandy Kavanagh – Beacon Private Hospital  |  |
| Sarah Hyland - Naas General Hospital  |  |
| Aoife O’Neill – Royal Hospital Donnybrook |  |
| Donal Gill – Galway Hospital  |  |
| Jean Roulston -CHI Tallaght Hospital |  |
| Siobhan Nunn – Portlaoise and Tullamore Hospital |  |
| Maria Stanley CHI Temple Street |  |
| Louise Shanahan – Kerry Hospital |  |
| Lise Markey – St Vincents Hospital  |  |
| Dearbhla Ni Riordain - SSW Hospital Group  |  |

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* New ‘Terms of Reference’ for HMSW SIG approved by the group.
* Chair and Secretary of HMSW SIG met with IASW Vivian Guerin and Danielle McGoldrick 12/04/2024 to review the change of the group to SIG.
* HMSW AGM – Plan for AGM in October, details TBC by subgroup but it will incorporate an education element the IASW will be invited to present.
* IASW AGM– 29/05/2024 - Chair of the HMSW SIG will attend
* IASW issued a formal response on the impact of the recruitment embargo. Forsa representative highlighted the issues impacting social work with the recruitment embargo. Discussion highlighted that hospitals are managing the recruitment embargo differently.
* HMSW SIG provided aa submission on ‘Adult Safeguarding in Health and Social Care’ and ‘Clinical Governance in Nursing Homes’**.**
* x2 PSW representatives from the HMSW SIG proposed to be part of the assisted dying legislation working group
* Senior SW selected for the Working group for development for the Model of Care for pain services
* Representation selected request for same-sex accommodation in Acute Hospitals Advisory Group
* Supervision policies and case management tools to be shared among members and the development of a template that can be shared with IASW for website.
* ADMCA – Discussion regarding the challenges with the delay to capacity assessment training, over complicated legal response to DMR applications and the issues related to TCF and Nursing Home loans.
* Survey will be circulated with the group for feedback for a research project for the Irish Gerontological Society to review the inequalities accessing community services based on the location of the patient.
* Next Meeting **-** 26th June at 2pm