

National Consultation
Draft Codes of Practice on Advance Healthcare Directives

Submission in respect of “*A Draft Code of Practice for Designated Healthcare Representatives*” by Fiachra Mc Cabe on behalf of the Irish Association of Social Workers (IASW) Special Interest Group in Ageing (SIGA)

Draft code is good overall. Well written and good examples given. I would suggest that an example of an advanced healthcare directive be given under an appendices and also a template for keeping records made by a designated healthcare representative is given. This could help to further guide people on what is expected of them in entering into this role.

No specific questions arising out of any of the sections written.

Vignette’s very helpful as they give a guide on practical situations but also demonstrate how will and preferences can be interpreted when a potential conflict is arising. I think it is good that the decision support service will offer an oversight governance type service where complications arise between designated healthcare representative and HSCP’s.