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# Irish Association for Palliative Care Monthly Newsletter

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## Ethics Forum Update

Our Ethics Forum continues to meet regularly, building momentum with each meeting.

We are pleased to announce that the IAPC's position statement on Assisted Dying is currently being formulated and will reflect the overall status of the IAPC as well as the wider membership base.

We would like to thank all members of the forum for their contributions to date in the formation of the policy statement which will be shared with all members once completed.

To ensure that the policy statement reflects future opinions and legislation, a renewal date will be to ensure a timely review.

Once we have further information and updates we will share these with members, as they become available.

## Nursing Forum Update

We are delighted to announce that the inaugural meeting of the newly established IAPC Nursing Forum will take place on the 28th of March.

Further updates will be provided as they become available.

## Education & Research Seminar 2024

We would like to take this opportunity to again thank everyone who attended our 2023 Education & Research Seminar. Based on the feedback we received so far, the event was a resounding success, with the quality of presentations and posters being of particular note.

We are currently working our way through the evaluation form responses for the seminar and the workshops and we expect to have it completed soon, with some strong foundations to build on the success of this years event.

Additionally, we are excited to let you know that planning has already begun for the 2024 Education Research Seminar.

We are very much looking forward to this event and will keep you updated on new developments.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to sharing more updates with you soon.

If you have any suggestions or feedback that may be of benefit to next years event you can contact [comms@iapc.ie](mailto:comms@iapc.ie).

Thank you!

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## Membership News



# Work (Part-Time)

**When?** Commencing September 2023

## Course Content:

The curriculum content and assessments are aligned with the Northern Ireland Social Care Council PiP requirements, the HSE Palliative Care Competence Framework (Social Work) and the EAPC core competencies for palliative care social work in Europe. Lecturers and facilitators come from a range of backgrounds, who are experts in their field, including palliative care social work, ethics, CBT, systemic family practice and leadership.

A unique aspect of this programme is the fact that lectures, workshops and tutorials will be delivered online. Assessment will promote opportunities for critical reflection on practice, regardless of levels of experience and expertise.

Use the button below for further information including admissions criteria and application forms.

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# Getting ready for Advance Healthcare Directives under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015

**When?** 29th March 2023 at 5:30-7 pm

## Webinar Content:

This webinar is aimed at all healthcare workers, in particular clinicians, and will give an overview of Advance Healthcare Directives, with focus on some

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## Advance Healthcare Directives.

The event will be chaired by **Dr. Siobhán Ni Bhriain**, HSE National Clinical Director Integrated Care.

### Speakers and Panel includes:

Prof. Mary Donnelly, School of Law UCC and Co-Chair of the HSE ADM Steering Group;

Prof. Shaun O’Keeffe, Consultant Geriatrician, University Hospital Galway and Co-Chair of the HSE ADM Steering Group;

Áine Flynn, Director of the Decision Support Service;

Prof. Brendan Kelly, Professor of Psychiatry, Trinity College Dublin;

Joanne Condon, Acting National Manager, National Advocacy Service for People with Disabilities.

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## I Just Want to Be Me

Following on from our previous newsletter, where we shared the upcoming LGBT Champions Training, we are delighted to share an additional resource entitled “I Just Want to Be Me” Trans and which examines:

### About the report:

‘People who are trans and gender diverse deserve that support as much as anyone else. We have a legal duty to improve care both from the Health and Care Act 2022 and the Equality Act 2010 but we also have a moral duty to improve this simply because it’s the right thing to do.’

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## National End of Life Survey Webinar

### When?

Thursday, 23 March at 3pm  
Tuesday, 28 March at 11am  
Wednesday, 29 March at 10pm  
Saturday, 1 April at 2pm

### Webinar Content:

The webinars will provide information on the survey, which aims to improve the services provided both to people who are dying, and to their loved ones.

The agenda includes:

- An introduction to the National Care Experience Programme
- An overview of the National End of Life Survey (NELS)
- An introduction to the NELS Dashboard
- Responding to the findings of the survey

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### What matters most to patients and families at end of life?



*Findings from Quality of Death and Dying Index 2021.*

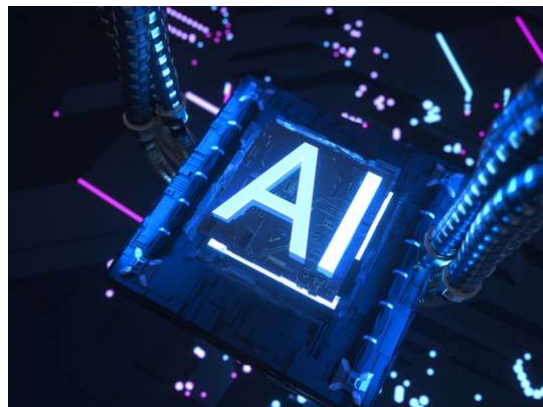
*Cross Country Comparison of Expert Assessments of the Quality of Death and Dying Index 2021.*

*Professor Eric Finkelstein*

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### Artificial Intelligence has no role in palliative care...or does it?

*It would be easy to assume that there many things which could contribute to the development of palliative care, but Artificial Intelligence (AI) isn't one of them.*



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– both passionate about technology, and who make the case that AI can make a unique contribution to advancing palliative care.

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## Dates for Your Diary

23rd & 24th March - Dignity in Care  
Workshop with Marymount Hospice

28th March - Inaugural Meeting of  
IAPC Nursing Forum

29th March - Ethics Forum Meeting

29th March - Getting ready for  
Advance Healthcare Directives  
under the Assisted Decision-Making  
(Capacity) Act 2015

30th March - IAPC Board Meeting

25th April - PCOC Advanced  
Workshop



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