



IAPC July Newsletter

Welcome to the IAPC July Newsletter.

As we move into the second half of the year, we are pleased to share updates from across the Association and the wider palliative care community.

This edition also marks an important period of transition for IAPC as we welcome **Cathy Herbert** as our **Interim CEO**. Cathy has been a central part of the Association for the past five years, playing a key role in supporting our members, strengthening partnerships and advancing many of IAPC's programmes and initiatives. Her commitment, leadership and deep understanding of the organisation make her exceptionally well placed to guide IAPC during this next chapter.

We are delighted to have Cathy at the helm and look forward to working with her as we continue to build on the Association's work in supporting excellence in palliative care, education, research and advocacy. We also extend our sincere thanks to our members, partners and supporters for their continued commitment to IAPC and our shared vision of improving palliative care for patients and families across Ireland.

In this issue, you'll find details of education and research opportunities, member news, sector updates and upcoming events, along with information on conferences and initiatives that may be of interest to our members.

Save the Date: IAPC Nursing Forum 2026

Join us for the inaugural IAPC Nursing Forum, a new event designed to bring together palliative care nursing professionals from across Ireland to share knowledge, showcase innovation and learn from one another.

A key feature of the Forum will be a Showcase of Practice, highlighting poster presentations and abstracts from nurses across the country. We invite you to share

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completed, is currently underway or is in the planning stages, we'd love to provide an opportunity for you to showcase it and inspire colleagues from across the profession. Alongside the showcase, the programme will include keynote speakers, expert sessions on person-centred nursing, anticipatory medications and advance care planning, as well as opportunities to network and exchange ideas with colleagues from across Ireland.

 Date: Tuesday, 24 November 2026

 Time: 9.30am

 Venue: Ashling Hotel, Dublin

Further information on poster submissions, the full programme and registration will be announced soon. For now, save the date, we look forward to welcoming you to this inaugural IAPC Nursing Forum.



Nursing Forum Presents

‘Stronger Together: Palliative Nursing Across Ireland’

Driving Innovation, Quality Improvement and Shared Learning

This inaugural IAPC event will bring together palliative care nursing professionals for a focused day of education, reflection, and shared learning. The programme will feature keynote presentations and expert sessions on person-centred nursing, anticipatory medications, and advance care planning. Delegates will also have the opportunity to explore quality improvement initiatives and service innovations from across the sector.

When: 9:30am, Tuesday
24th November

Where: Ashling Hotel,
Dublin. D083P8N

Further information can be found on our website iapc.ie or by emailing comms@iapc.ie



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Events

All Island Palliative Care Practice Conference 2026

Registration is now open for the All Island Palliative Care Practice Conference, which takes place on Tuesday, 8 September 2026 at the Canal Court Hotel, Newry.

Irish Hospice Foundation Forum on End of Life 2026

The Irish Hospice Foundation Forum on End of Life 2026 takes place on Thursday, 24 September at Croke Park, Dublin.

This year's theme, *Every Death Matters: Dying, Death and Bereavement in a*

this year's conference is themed **"Palliative Care – It's Not What You Think"** and will explore developments in practice, education, quality improvement, research and lived experience from across the island of Ireland.

AIHPC has issued a call for abstracts for oral presentations, lightning talks and posters.

Abstract submission deadline: Friday, 24 July 2026.

end-of-life care, bereavement and the changing needs of Irish society. The conference will bring together healthcare professionals, researchers, community organisations and others with an interest in palliative and end-of-life care.

Registration is now open.

Save the Date: Picnic in the Park

The Royal Irish Automobile Club (RIAC), with the support of Motorsport Ireland, will host its annual Picnic in the Park in aid of LauraLynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice, on Wednesday, 5 August at Marlay Park, Dublin.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Advance registration and donations are encouraged to support LauraLynn and help organisers plan for the day.

Upcoming Webinar: Assisted Dying in the UK

Public Policy Exchange will host a webinar on Assisted Dying in the UK: Law Reform, Safeguarding and End-of-Life Choice on Thursday, 3 September 2026.

The webinar will examine recent legislative developments, ethical and clinical considerations, international experience, and the implications for palliative care, hospice services and healthcare professionals. It may be of interest to those working in palliative and end-of-life care.

[Register Here](#)

Think Ahead Planning Pack Updated



The Irish Hospice Foundation has updated its Think Ahead Planning Pack to reflect recent changes under Ireland's Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act and updated legislation on organ and body donation.

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including changes to Enduring Powers of Attorney, while existing users can simply download the updated pages rather than complete a new pack. The Information & Support Line continues to offer advice and guidance for anyone with questions about planning ahead.

Funding Opportunity: Irish Cancer Society PPI Award 2026

The Irish Cancer Society is inviting applications for its Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) in Research Award 2026. The award offers up to €5,000 to support meaningful public and patient involvement in cancer research across a range of disciplines. The funding call is open to researchers based in Ireland, with applications closing on Wednesday, 26 August 2026 (3pm).

[PPI Award Guidelines](#)

Participants Wanted for End-of-Life Research

The Irish Hospice Foundation is seeking people in Limerick who are in the final 12–18 months of life to take part in a new research project exploring end-of-life experiences through photography and personal storytelling.

The findings will help inform future palliative care services and contribute to a national exhibition. Those interested in taking part can find more information on the Irish Hospice Foundation website.

Become a Member

Visit our website www.iapc.ie to learn more about membership benefits, categories, and become a member online. Take advantage of this opportunity to join a community that shares your dedication to improving palliative care outcomes globally.

For any inquiries or further assistance, please feel free to reach out to us at admin@iapc.ie. We look forward to welcoming you to the IAPC community and working together to make a difference in Palliative Care.

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