



Irish Association of Social Workers
Cumann na hÉireann um Oibríthe Sóisialta

July Newsletter

Promoting Quality Professional Supervision: IASW Standards for Social Workers 2016



The IASW launched a working document on Promoting Quality Social Work Supervision at the National Conference in response to the requests and needs of members for core standards in this area. Copies have been posted out to members.



“I'D PREFER TO STAY AT HOME BUT I DON'T HAVE A CHOICE”

MEETING OLDER PEOPLE'S PREFERENCE FOR CARE: POLICY, BUT WHAT ABOUT PRACTICE?

The report was launched in June by the Irish Association of Social Workers, Age Action, the Alzheimer Society of Ireland and the School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, UCD. The research was based on a nationwide survey of social workers working with older people, including people living with dementia. It also includes

July 2016

Dear member



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. I hope life and work is going well and you get to enjoy your own summer holidays. The IASW office is recovering from the hectic activity of preparing for the IASW National Social Work Conference, the AGM and the IASW Social Work Awards, which were a great success. The IASW Supervision Standards for Social Workers were launched at the conference and I hope they will be a very useful resource for all social workers, supervisors and supervisees in the years ahead. While services may reconfigure and reporting relationships vary, the IASW is clear that all social workers need to access supervision from a trained social work supervisor of an appropriate manager grade.

The first meeting of the new IASW Board will take place on 25th July and in the mean time the office staff and the existing Board members are continuing to work on your behalf. The IASW has regular meetings with Tusla and hopes to work in partnership particularly in relation to their excellent CPD strategy framework. The summer journal, guest edited by Sarah Donnelly, is approaching its completion. The IASW continues its advocacy work and is currently advocating on behalf of vulnerable persons who require home care packages. The IASW remains concerned that some social workers do not have a reporting relationship to a Principal Social Worker. In particular, the IASW is concerned that some HSE CHO areas are amalgamating the role of Principal Social Worker to cover both CAMHS and Adult Mental Health Services, and the IASW is currently advocating in relation to this matter. The IASW is not a staff representative body/ union but it is a professional body that takes seriously its objective to advocate for best practice standards.

Please contact the office at any time with a query or a bright idea. Please encourage membership with your social work colleagues and both I and members of the Board would be happy to visit, or speak with your colleagues or teams. We are stronger together.

Frank Browne, IASW Chair

Ireland Next Venue for Joint World Conference on Social Work, Education and Social Development

The Irish Association of Social Workers and partners have

findings in interviews with social workers, employed in a variety of settings across the country. To read the press release and download a copy of the report click [here](#).

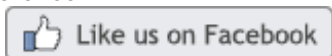


Peter Tyndal, Ombudsman launched the report

IASW National Social Work Conference - Promoting Best Practice in Social Work Supervision



Powerpoint and poster presentations from the conference are now available to download from the [event page](#) in the past events section of www.iasw.ie. Check out our Facebook page for photos of the day. Thanks to Cliona, our CPD Officer, for organising a great conference.



Change of Office Manager

We wish Danielle all the best as she goes on maternity leave next week and welcome Sharon Melvin to the office in her stead. We're delighted to have Sharon back working with us again.

Annual Report 2015 - 2016

You can download a copy of the annual report from the [AGM section](#) of www.iasw.ie

Update regarding CORU CPD Portfolio requirements

In response to member

findings in interviews with social workers, employed in a variety of settings across the country. To read the press release and download a copy of the report click [here](#).

Environmental and Community Sustainability: Human Solutions in Evolving Societies.

Register your details at <http://www.swsd2018.org/> to receive e-mail updates.



IASW Social Work Awards 2016

The IASW Social Work Awards ceremony was held on June 17th to recognise the positive impact and achievements of social work staff. A great night was had by all. Congratulations to all those nominated for an award and, of course, to the winners! Photos from the event are now on our Facebook page.

2016 Team of the Year

Dublin North City Mental Health Team - **WINNER**
Sligo University Hospital Team
Medical Social Work Department, The Mater Hospital

2016 Social Worker of the Year

Gabrielle McDaid - Tusla, Donegal
Caroline Cantan - Enable Ireland, Dublin 24 - **WINNER**
Joe McCarthy - Tusla, Cork

2016 Practice Teacher of the Year

Brian Donnelly - Clontarf Mental Health Sector, Dublin - **WINNER**
Martina Doyle - Brothers of Charity, Waterford

2016 Researcher of the Year

Nerilee Ceatha - Tusla, Dublin 9 - **WINNER**
Carmel Halton - University College Cork - **WINNER**
Olivia O'Connell - Tusla, Cork

2016 Newly Qualified Social Worker

Victoria McGuinness - Mayo University Hospital, Mayo
Kate Newell - Cork University Hospital, Cork - **WINNER**
Michelle Byrne - Primary Care Centre, Dublin 8



Helen McEntee TD, Minister of State for Mental Health & Older People

concerns, the IASW sought a meeting with CORU on a number of issues. We can now clarify that the word length for Reflective Practice Reports is 1,200 words in total for all eight reports, i.e., an average of 150 words per report. We will continue to keep our members updated on any new information on CORU's CPD requirements. Please refer to your IASW CPD folder and visit the members only **IASW CPD Resources** section of www.iasw.ie for information on the CPD Requirements of Registration

The IASW Board 2016 - 2017

The current IASW Board directors were elected at our AGM on the 17th June. They are

- Frank Browne (chair)
- John Brennan
- Elizabeth Hamilton
- Hilda Loughran
- Dónal O'Malley
- Billie-Anne McCauley
- Ruth Murray
- Joe McCarthy
- Anette O'Callaghan
- Aine McGuirk

To contact the Board, please e-mail office@iasw.ie

CPD & the Requirements of Registration

The first CORU CPD audit cycle is now more than halfway through, running until the 31st May 2017 when 10% of social workers will be randomly selected to submit their CPD Portfolio for audit. For information and resources log onto the [IASW CPD Resources](#) section of the website and visit www.coru.ie

IASW seminars on CPD & the Requirements of Registration will continue to be rolled out nationwide and are free for IASW members although booking is essential to secure your place. Members will be notified of seminars in our regular *Upcoming IASW Events* e-mails.

IASW Upcoming Events

To secure your place at an IASW event, **you need to book and pay online**. You can do this by visiting the relevant events page on the website, clicking on the **Book Now** button at the top of the page and completing the booking form.

To avail of the member rate for events you need to use the e-mail address you used for your IASW membership details.



FULLY BOOKED SIGA Seminar & AGM

Wednesday 27th July, Seminar 2.00 - 4.00, AGM 4.00 - 4.45

St Andrew's Resource Centre, 114-116 Pearse Street, Dublin 2

Members free/ €15 non-members

The seminar will focus on the Practical Application of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse: Policy and Procedures. The AGM will be held afterwards.

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Mallow, Cork

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SOLD OUT! Working with Families with a Child with Anxiety - a Solution Focused Approach

Thursday, 6th October from 9.30 - 4.30

Wisdom Centre, Sophia Housing, Cork Street, Dublin €20 IASW members/ €40 non-members

Social Care Ireland and the Irish Association of Social Workers are coordinating a one day workshop delivered by Dr. John Sharry. There is no waiting list for this event.

