

# Department of Nursing and Midwifery

## Engaged Learning Committee Bulletin



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# Welcome address



Colleagues, I am delighted to present the third edition of the Department of Nursing and Midwifery's Engaged Learning Bulletin. It is great to see so much activity within the Department and this is reassuring, emphasising the commitment of staff, our partners and students. On behalf of the Engaged Learning Committee, we wish to communicate with you regarding the achievements, announcements and engagement within our Department over the past three months. If there are any we missed, we apologise, it is most likely that we are unaware of them. So, if you have anything you would like us to include in the future, please email [nm@ul.ie](mailto:nm@ul.ie) or [owen.doody@ul.ie](mailto:owen.doody@ul.ie) with Engaged Learning in the subject heading of the email. This communication covers the three months July to September 2021.



## Head of Department

In the last newsletter, we wished Dr Christine Deasy farewell on her retirement from UL as Head of Department of Nursing and Midwifery. In this issue we wish to extend a welcome to our new Head of Department Dr Pauline Meskell. Pauline is a senior lecturer in Nursing & Health Research. An introduction and background are presented below and we wish Pauline success in her new role.



Pauline has a background in general nursing, specialising in renal nursing. Pauline has worked in clinical nursing practice and nurse education in the UK and Ireland. Her research interests lie in the areas of self-management of chronic diseases including renal disease, dementia, and evidence synthesis. Pauline has particular methodological expertise around quantitative and qualitative evidence synthesis, conventional and policy Delphi, instrument development, and outcome measurement. She is co-lead of the qualitative evidence synthesis arm of Evidence Synthesis Ireland (ESI) and a teaching fellow on evidence synthesis with ESI.

She has collaborated on projects funded by Horizon 2020, Health Research Board (Ireland), Department of Health and Children (Ireland), National Council for the Professional Development of Nursing and Midwifery (Ireland), and Institute of Public Health.

Pauline teaches across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. Her teaching interests are in all aspects of nursing, particularly acute and chronic care, dementia care, advanced physical assessment and research. Pauline has extensive experience in programme management and curriculum development at undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Pauline is the current lead of the Supportive & Palliative Care research cluster in the Department of

Nursing and Midwifery and a member of the Ageing Research Centre in the Health Research Institute at the University of Limerick. Her current research projects include the use of sensory cueing systems in the management of Freezing of Gait (FOG) in Parkinson's Disease, recruitment to vaccine trials in a pandemic/epidemic and recruitment to neonatal clinical trials.

## Publications:

In this newsletter we report six publications representing eight of the departments' staff. Of note within these publications were three papers published as an output of Masters conducted in the Department. In addition, collaboration across UL (library L Dore, engineering J Holland and C McCarthy), industry partner (Johnson & Johnson, Advance Technology Centre, Confirm Smart Manufacturing Research Centre) and international collaboration (Professor J Jomeen Southern Cross University).

Donegan, B., & **Kingston, L.** (2021). Quality of life following formation of an ileal conduit due to urinary bladder neoplasm: A systematic review. *International Journal of Nursing Practice*, e12988. <https://doi.org/10.1111/ijn.12988>.

Dunne, A., **Doody, O.**, & **Bradshaw, C.** (2021). Knowledge of stoma care among nurses working in acute settings: an integrated review. *Gastrointestinal Nursing*, 19(7), 40-49. <https://doi.org/10.12968/gasn.2021.19.7.40>.

Holland, J., **Kingston, L.**, McCarthy, C., Armstrong, E., O'Dwyer, P., Merz, F., & McConnell, M. (2021). Service Robots in the Healthcare Sector. *Robotics*, 10(1), 47. <https://doi.org/10.3390/robotics10010047>.

Moran, S., **Bailey, M.** & **Doody, O.** An integrative review to identify how nurses practicing in inpatient specialist palliative care units uphold the values of nursing. *BMC Palliat Care* 20, 111 (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12904-021-00810-6>.

**Noonan, M.**; Jomeen, J.; & **Doody, O.** (2021) A Review of the Involvement of Partners and Family Members in Psychosocial Interventions for Supporting Women at Risk of or Experiencing Perinatal Depression and Anxiety. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health* 2021, 18(10), 5396; <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18105396>.

**Tuohy, D.**, Carey, E., **Doody, O.**, Dore, L., **Graham, M.**, & **Kingston, L.** (2021) Psychosocial interventions used in day care centres for people living with dementia: A scoping review protocol. <https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/DFJYT>.



## Conference presentations:

While face-to-face delivery is not possible the conference circuit has continued in a virtual format. There were four conference presentations from the Department.

Lucia Cadorin, Brigita Skela Savič, Sanela Pivač, Sara Scarsini, Barbara Narduzzi, Manuel Lillo-Crespo, Jorge Riquelme Galindo, **Christine Fitzgerald, Alice Coffey, Liz Kingston**, Alvisa Palese, Meteja Bahun, (2021) A European study on perceived barriers and enablers of nursing research. Presented at 14th International Scientific Conference, Bled (Slovenia).

O Leary, N., Gallagher, A., Morrissey, AM., Griffin, A., **Noonan, M.**, Kelly, D., **Kingston, L., Doody, O.** Niranjana, V., O Riordan, C., Lynch, A. (2021) COVID-19 healthcare policies in Ireland: a rapid review of the initial pandemic response. Presented at the SPHeRE Network 7th Annual Conference 2021: The Value of Research and Evidence in a Crisis Virtual, RCSI, Dublin.

**Bright, A.**, (2021) Keynote speaker for WG1 of COST Action CA118211 Devotion virtual meeting on 29/09/21. Presenting on her MSc thesis: What are the reported psychosocial risk factors associated with suicidal ideation in the perinatal period.

**Doonan, E., & Ryan, R.** (2021) Poster presentation – What support do children and young people experience when a parent is dying. Presented at the Irish Association for Palliative Care Education and Research Seminar.

## International activities:

We are delighted to welcome our new Cohort of BSc Nursing Studies students and the MSc Nursing Studies to the Department and on campus for academic year 2021/22. We are also joined by many Study Abroad and Erasmus students undertaking different modules across the 4 year undergraduate programmes.

## Achievements:

Launch of the Report on the Presenting Problems/Conditions that result in People with an Intellectual Disability being admitted to hospitals in the Republic of Ireland – An analysis of NQAIS Clinical data from 2016-2020. The launch will be held on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and launch by Minister of State at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth at the Department of





Health, Ms Anne Rabbitte. This report launch is in recognition of the recent work and report lead by Dr Owen Doody in conjunction with members of the Department (Ruth Ryan, Rosemary Lyons, Mairead Moloney and Therese Hennessy) and collaboration with Jennifer McMahon (Psychology).

We would like to acknowledge to success of Elaine Doonan who was highly commended for her poster presentation at the Irish Association for Palliative Care Education and Research Seminar. This poster was based on Elaine's MSc work and supported by her supervisor Dr Ruth Ryan.

The Department was recently successful in attaining a Bronze Award in the Athena Swan application process. The Athena Swan award has been granted in recognition of the Department's drive towards equality and diversity amongst its staff and students. The application was led by Dr Liz Kingston and team (Sylvia Murphy, Dr Owen Doody, Mairead Moloney, Prof Alice Coffey, Dr Christine Deasy, Dr Christine Fitzgerald, Dr Annmarie Grealish, Sean Healy (BSc Nursing Mental Health student representative), Joseph Considine (BSc Nursing Student Intellectual Disability student representative), Rosemary Lyons, Dr Maria Noonan, Dr Claire O'Donnell, Oliver O'Halloran (Adjunct Lecturer), Elizabeth Stundon, Breda Tuohy).

On Tuesday 14th September 2021 the launch of - MidSight: Inside of the mind of a student midwife took place virtually. This website features work from BSc Midwifery students from the University of Limerick reflecting on specialist placements such as mental health, neonatal, community, general nursing and gynaecological placements. Students were facilitated by the Midwifery Practice Development Team from the University Maternity Hospital Limerick and assisted and supported to reflect in a creative way. The website features creative work such as poetry, verse, drawings and paintings from undergraduate student midwives which highlights the development of compassion, respect, empathy and emotional intelligences central to the values of the midwifery profession. This exciting virtual event was hosted by Mary Doyle Midwifery Practice Development Co-Ordinator UMHL. Mary was ably assisted by Mary Ann O'Brien CPC Midwifery, Bernadette Toolan CMM3 UMHL and Shauna O'Dwyer 4th Year Student Midwife read a poem she wrote. A wonderful Keynote Address was provided by Prof Helen Phelan from IWAMD, UL on the potential of arts based practice. Grace Thomas Midwife Professional Lead from Cardiff University & Deputy Director of the WHO Collaborating Centre for Midwifery Development joined us to the launch of the website. We were delighted to be joined by midwives and student midwives, practice



educators and lecturers on the day. The link to the website and recording of the launch can be accessed at: <http://ulglucksmanlibrary.org/midsight/> and check @MidsightA



Photo features

Shauna O'Dwyer (4th Year Student Midwife) , Grace Thomas Cardiff University (on screen), Bernadette Toolan CMM3, Mary Doyle, Midwifery Practice Development Co-Ordinator, UMHL, Carol Desmond Allocations Officer (Midwifery) and Mary Ann O'Brien CPC Midwifery, UMHL, Limerick.

## Acknowledgements:

We welcome the 2021 intake to our Nursing and Midwifery programmes and wish you all the best in the coming 4 years of your programme.

September 2021 sees the commencement of year 4 for the first cohort of students on the NMBI 2016 regulations. This is an exciting year which will see them complete their research project and focus on its application to practice, representing a move away from the traditional focus on a FYP and supporting the link between theory and practice. This is also your final semester with us here in the University before you commence your placements/internship and we wish you every success in the coming year.



