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New CAWT Director General



Following Tom Daly's retirement from the HSE and stepping down as Director General of the CAWT Partnership in July 2017, Damien McCallion, HSE's National Director of Emergency Management and the National Ambulance Service, has been elected to the role of Director General for the CAWT Partnership. Damien has served as a CAWT Board Member for over 3 years and in his new role will directly oversee the work of the CAWT Partnership on behalf of all the partners and will work closely with the CAWT Chief Officer.

Commenting on his appointment, he said: ***"Much good work has been done to date, not least the securing of additional resources for the health services, in the form of EU funding. Some key aspects I will be focusing on include building and maintaining relationship with key stakeholders, ensuring the objectives and targets of CAWT's EU INTERREG VA funded programme of work are achieved, embedding EU funded activities in core services and supporting the work of the North South Ministerial Council."***

New EU Funding - INTERREG VA

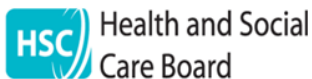
People living in Northern Ireland, the border counties of the Republic of Ireland and Western Scotland will benefit from a welcome investment from the EU's INTERREG VA programme secured by CAWT. The Special EU Programmes Body has awarded grant funding up to a total of €26.5 million euros to the CAWT Partnership to support four large-scale cross border health and social care projects up to 2021. The projects are in the areas of acute hospital services, mental health, children's services and community health and well-being. A fifth project, being led by NHS Scotland supports primary care and older people's services and has secured grant funding up to a total value of €7.9 million euros. Additionally, the CAWT Partnership has submitted a first stage bid for a disability services project under the second call for the Health & Social care objective of the INTERREG VA programme.



Welcoming the final confirmation of this funding for the region, Damien McCallion, Director General of CAWT and HSE National Director said: ***"I am delighted that the CAWT partner organisations have secured this important additional investment for communities and services in the border region. We expect that the additional services enabled by this significant allocation of EU INTERREG funding, will further strengthen and consolidate cross border and North/South relationships and co-operation in health and social care."***



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Update on EU INTERREG VA projects

Since receiving formal Letters of Offer during June and July 2017, work on progressing the EU INTERREG VA funded projects has begun in earnest. All projects are in the process of appointing Project Managers and other key staff. Furthermore, practical support is now being provided by procurement experts from the CAWT partner organisations to ensure any tendering requirements meet the standards set by Centres of Procurement Expertise and the EU funders.

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| Acute Hospital Services <i>‘Connecting Services, Citizens and Communities’</i> | Provision of additional acute episodes of care to patients, through improved/reformed service delivery on a cross border basis. Development of more efficient patient pathways during the pre-hospital phase such as the utilisation of community paramedic hubs. |
| Mental Health: <i>Innovation Recovery ‘i-Recover’</i> | Development of cross border recovery colleges to empower people to increase knowledge and skills for recovery and self - management of mental health. |
| Children’s Services: <i>Multiple Adverse Childhood Experiences ‘MACE’</i> | Providing early intervention support to vulnerable children and families with multiple and complex needs in order to achieve joined-up, innovative and responsive solutions. |
| Population Health: <i>Community Health Sync ‘CoH-Sync’</i> | Empowering and supporting people in local communities to improve their health through the development of locality Health and Well-being Hubs. This approach will help to stem the flow of people who develop Long Term Conditions and reduce the burden of chronic disease. |
| Primary Care and Older People: ‘mPower’ <i>NHS Scotland leading on this Project</i> | Enabling and supporting older people to live well, safely and independently in their own homes through the provision of personalised care services, use of e-health and guided access to community support systems. |

[Link to project information in the SEUPB website](#)

Update on EU INTERREG VA projects

i-Recover project workshop

The i-Recover Project is focused on empowering people with lived experience of mental illness to pioneer education on self-management and recovery. The project will involve the implementation of 3 hub-and-spoke delivery sites between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. A 2-day workshop was held in Cavan in July 2017 which began the process of considering practical issues such as local implementation, engaging service users, involvement of the Community and Voluntary sector and the development of an on-line / virtual recovery college. Attendees included representatives from the HSE, the Scottish Recovery Network, the Belfast, Southern and Western Health and Social Care Trusts, the Health and Social Care Board, the Public Health Agency and the CAWT Development Centre.

Opening the workshop, John Meehan from the HSE emphasised ***“the important strategic nature of the i-Recover Project which is focused on the border region and the practical difference it will make to people living with mental health conditions once rolled out.”***

Hub and Spoke Recovery sites

1. **West:** Derry | Coleraine | Letterkenny | Strabane | West Donegal

2. **South:** Cavan | Monaghan | Sligo | Leitrim | Fermanagh

3. **East:** East Belfast | Armagh | Newry | Louth



Attendees at the i-Recover workshop in Cavan.



From left to right: Dr Owen Mulligan, HSE; Padraig O'Beirne, HSE; Soo Hun, Public Health Agency and Edel ODoherty, CAWT.



Front row (left to right) Briege Quinn, PHA; John Meehan, HSE and Ger McCormack, HSE. Standing (left to right): Edel ODoherty, CAWT; Adrian Corrigan, SHSCT and Padraig O'Beirne, HSE.



Pictured at the i-Recover workshop are Dr Owen Mulligan, HSE and Trevor Millar, WHSCT.

Update on EU INTERREG VA projects

Community Health Sync (Coh Sync) Project – community engagement events

The 'CoH-Sync' Project is seeking to establish 8 Health and Well-being Hubs designed to support people in improving their health and wellbeing, specifically in relation to the areas of physical activity, nutrition, smoking cessation, alcohol consumption and mental health.

A series of information events was held in late June 2017 across the Hub locations / catchment areas in order to inform and receive feedback from representatives of local groups and organisations on the plans to establish these Health and Well-being Hubs in local communities. Attended by a total of 209 people at 10 events, the CoH Sync Project Planning group will ensure that the views and perspectives of those who attended the events are fed into the procurement planning process. Work is at an advanced stage for the tendering process for the establishment of the Hubs.



Participants in the CoH Sync Project Community Engagement event in Strabane, Co. Tyrone.

Hub locations / catchment areas

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| Letterkenny/North Donegal, Republic of Ireland |
| Ballyshannon/South Donegal, Republic of Ireland |
| Co. Cavan/Co. Monaghan, Republic of Ireland |
| Londonderry-Derry/Strabane, Northern Ireland |
| Enniskillen/West Fermanagh, Northern Ireland |
| Armagh/Dungannon, Northern Ireland |
| Dumfries, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland |
| Stranaer, Dumfries and Galloway, Scotland |

The CoH Sync Project aims to:

- ♦ synchronise the efforts of the community, voluntary and statutory sectors in their efforts to improve health and well-being,
- ♦ optimise the potential of communities to become more active in improving their own health and well-being, and
- ♦ utilise a partnership and community development approach.



Attendees at the CoH Sync Project Community Engagement event in Letterkenny, Co Donegal.



Attendees at the CoH Sync Project Community Engagement event in Dumfries, Scotland.

Cross border Humanitarian Disaster Response Course

In May 2017, a cross border Humanitarian Disaster Response Course, supported by CAWT, in partnership with a range of organisations including Irish Aid and the Department of Defence, was held in the United Nations Training School in the Curragh Camp in Co. Kildare.

This is the fourth time the course has been held and coincided with the visit by HRH The Prince of Wales to the Curragh Camp. The Prince of Wales said in his speech later that day at the British Ambassador's Residence in Ireland: ***“At the Curragh I greatly enjoyed meeting people from Ireland and the United Kingdom who were taking part in an initiative called Co-operation and Working Together, which aims to strengthen the partnership between our defence forces and our emergency services to help protect everyone on the island of Ireland and to make a tangible difference in some of the most troubled parts of the world. It is a remarkable example of the good that can come from close co-operation between our two countries.”***



Pictured at the United Nations Training School which hosted the CAWT cross border Humanitarian Disaster Response Course are (l to r): Tom Daly, ex-Director General of CAWT, Bernie McCrory, Chief Officer, CAWT and Tony O'Brien, Director General of the HSE.



Dr Sir Donal Keegan meeting HRH The Prince of Wales at the CAWT cross border Humanitarian Disaster Response Course.