

PRESS RELEASE

NOCA APPOINTS DR BRIAN CREEDON AS NEW CLINICAL DIRECTOR

Thursday 11th July 2019: The National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Brian Creedon as Clinical Director for the organisation.

Dr Creedon has been involved with NOCA since 2015 when he joined as a member of the National Audit of Hospital Mortality Governance Committee. He went on to become Clinical Lead for this audit. Dr Creedon is a Consultant Palliative Medicine Physician in University Hospital Waterford and is Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for Palliative Care. He succeeds Mr Kenneth Mealy, RCSI President in his role.

Dr Creedon, in accepting this position, stated “I am pleased to take this opportunity to work with the NOCA Team and Board as it implements and promotes the use of clinical audit to ultimately improve safety and quality of care for service users nationally.”

Dr Creedon graduated from University College Cork (UCC) in 1999 and completed his Higher Specialist Training in Palliative Medicine in 2008. He has held a number of senior clinical roles including Clinical Lead for Medicine, University Hospital Waterford (UHW), regional lead (HSE South) for National Clinical Programme for Palliative Care and Clinical Operational Group (COG) lead for Palliative Medicine, UHW. Over the course of his career Dr Creedon has continuously engaged in quality improvement initiatives and service developments at both local and national level. As the current clinical lead for the National Clinical Programme for Palliative Care he has been at the forefront of a number of the programme’s quality improvement projects.

Dr Creedon has an avid interest in education and training demonstrated by his numerous formal academic affiliations (Senior lecturer in clinical education UCC, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer RCSI, Senior Fellow in Palliative Medicine University College Dublin UCD and Trinity College Dublin TCD, HST trainer RCPI). He has also published a number of research papers and received numerous awards and grants including the National Clinical Programmes/Irish Hospice Foundation grant 2013.

Commenting on the appointment this week, Collette Tully, NOCA Executive Director said: “I am delighted to be able to confirm the appointment of Dr Brian Creedon in the role of Clinical Director. Brian is hugely experienced in clinical leadership, and is acutely aware of the value of clinical audit and quality improvement to the Irish healthcare system. He will bring a unique perspective to the organisation.’

“I would also like to acknowledge the immense contribution made by Brian’s predecessor, Mr Kenneth Mealy, since our inception in 2012,” she added.

NOCA was established in 2012 to create sustainable clinical audit programmes at national level. NOCA enables those who manage and deliver healthcare to improve the quality of care through national clinical audit. NOCA is funded by the Health Service Executive Quality Improvement Division, governed by an independent voluntary board and operationally supported by the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

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