



## Explorations National Palliative Care Conference October 8<sup>th</sup> 2026

### Continuity in Compassion: Palliative Care in All Settings

|               | Item                                                                                                                                     | Speaker                                                                                                       |
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| 08.00 - 09.00 | Registration inc tea/coffee                                                                                                              |                                                                                                               |
|               | Chair                                                                                                                                    | Nuala Ginnelly, Operational Lead, North West Hospice                                                          |
| 09.05 - 09.15 | Welcome Address                                                                                                                          | Dr. Deirdre Finnerty, Clinical Lead, North West Hospice                                                       |
| 09.15 - 09.45 | Advancing the National Palliative Care Policy: Progress, Partnerships and Shared Responsibility                                          | Aoife Dillon Nurse Lead, HSE National Clinical Programme for Palliative Care                                  |
| 09.45 - 10.25 | Rehabilitative Palliative Care – is Everyone’s Business                                                                                  | Lorna Malcolm, Senior Physiotherapist, St Christopher’s Hospice, London                                       |
| 10.25 - 10.35 | Carole’s Story of Resilience and Hope                                                                                                    | A Personal Reflection                                                                                         |
| 10.35 - 11.05 | Tea Break                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                               |
| 11.05 - 11.45 | A Grounded Theory Study – Community Palliative Care Clinical Nurse Specialists’ experiences when fulfilling their role                   | Dr Jacinta Kelly, Director of Nursing, North West Hospice                                                     |
| 11.45 - 12.20 | Patient Safety Incidents and Complaints in Healthcare: How we can harness them as valuable opportunities for learning and improvement    | John Mc Elhinney, Quality, Risk & Safety Manager, WNW Health Region                                           |
| 12.20 - 13.00 | Maps of the World: How Perception Shapes Conflict and Communication                                                                      | Pheona Croom-Johnson, MA, MSc, Master Psychological Coach & Supervisor (Triple-Accredited), Founder, AmplifiU |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | Lunch                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                               |
|               | Chair                                                                                                                                    | Dr Deirdre Finnerty, Consultant in Palliative Medicine & Clinical Lead                                        |
| 14.00 - 14.20 | Musical Interlude                                                                                                                        | St Johns National School Choir                                                                                |
| 14.20 - 14.40 | Reimagining Communication in Specialist Palliative Care: Co-designing ISBAR3 for Safer Escalation, Shared Decision Making and Continuity | Deirdre Monro Clinical Facilitator & Donna Lynott ADON, Galway & Mayo Hospice                                 |
| 14.40 - 15.00 | Long Term PPI Prescribing in the Community                                                                                               | Dr Sara Mohammad, Medical Registrar & Margaret Kelly CNS                                                      |
| 15.00 - 15.15 | The Virtual Dementia Tour                                                                                                                | John Sanders, Experiential Trainer                                                                            |
| 15.15 - 16.15 | Supporting Your Own Wellbeing While Compassionately Caring for Others                                                                    | Richard Hogan, Family Psychotherapist                                                                         |
| 16.15 - 16.30 | Conference Close                                                                                                                         | Sean Mc Art, National HSE Lead for Palliative Care                                                            |