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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2008

BIOETHICS: ADVANCE CARE DIRECTIVES

TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2008

MAIN CONFERENCE HALL,
DUBLIN CASTLE, DUBLIN 2

PROGRAMME

8:30 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 9:40	Chairperson's Opening Remarks Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness President of the Law Reform Commission
9:40 – 9:50	Launch of Commission's Consultation Paper <i>Bioethics: Advance Care Directives</i> Máire Hctor, T.D. Minister of State at the Department of Health and Children
9:50 – 10:20	Is it time for Advance Healthcare Directives? Professor David Smith Member of Irish Council for Bioethics Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
10:20 – 11:00	Bioethics: Advance Care Directives Law Reform Commission's Provisional Recommendations Patricia T Rickard-Clarke Commissioner Law Reform Commission
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee
11:30 – 12:15	Advance Care Directives - a medical perspective Dr Doiminic Ó Brannagáin Consultant Physician in Palliative Medicine Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda Senior Lecturer in Medicine Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
12:15 – 12:50	Advance Care Directives - current legal approach Dr Mary Keys Lecturer in the Law Faculty, NUI Galway
12:50 – 1:00	Questions and Answers
1:00 – 2:10	Lunch
2:10 – 2:45	Patient Preferences – a process based approach Mervyn Taylor Programme Manager Hospice Friendly Hospitals Programme Irish Hospice Foundation
2:45 – 3:20	Advance Care Planning in Care Homes for Older People Dr Katherine Froggatt Senior Lecturer International Observatory on End of Life Care Institute of Health Research Lancaster University England
3:20 – 4:00	Panel Discussion
3:45 – 4:00	Chairperson's Closing remarks

BIOGRAPHIES

Mrs Justice Catherine McGuinness

Mrs Justice McGuinness is the President of the Law Reform Commission and has been a judge of the Circuit Court (1994 - 1996), of the High Court (1996 - 2000) and of the Supreme Court (2000 - 2006). Mrs Justice McGuinness was called to the Irish Bar in 1977 and to the Inner Bar in 1989. Her main practice as a barrister was in the family law area. In addition to her legal and judicial career, Mrs Justice McGuinness has served on An Bord Uchtála [the Adoption Board], the Voluntary Health Insurance Board, the National Economic and Social Council, the Second Commission on the Status of Women, and has chaired the National Social Services Board, the Board of the National College of Art and Design, the Employment Equality Agency, the Kilkenny Incest Investigation and the Forum for Peace and Reconciliation.

Máire Hctor

Minister Máire Hctor, was first elected to Dáil Éireann in 2002, re-elected in May 2007 and appointed Minister of State with responsibility for Older People at the Department of Health and Children, June 2007. The Minister is a graduate of Maynooth and prior to becoming a full time politician a secondary school teacher of Religious Education & Irish and Social Studies at St. Joseph's CBS Secondary School, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. As a Deputy Máire was Vice Chair of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture & Food, Government Convenor of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice, Equality, Defence & Women's rights and a member of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Education & Science.

Professor David Smith

David Smith is Associate Professor of Health Care Ethics in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and Director of the MSc in Health Care Ethics and Law in RCSI and RCSI-MUB. He is a Visiting Professor in Health Care Ethics in Trinity College Dublin, and the Medical University of Bahrain. He is also Visiting Professor in Business Ethics in the Smurfit Business School, University College Dublin. He is a member of the Irish Council for Bioethics and the Ethics Working Party of the European Forum for Good Clinical Practice. He is an Ethics Consultant to the Bon Secours Health System, Daughters of Charity Services for People with Intellectual Disability, Mercy University Hospital, Beaumont University Hospital, Sisters of Charity of Jesus and Mary Services, St Vincent's University Hospital and the Church of Ireland's Ethics Committee. He is a member of a number of Research Ethics Committees in Ireland and the United Kingdom. Currently he is involved in a research project with the Hospice Foundation of Ireland in developing ethical guidelines for a "Good Death"

Dr Mary Keys

Dr. Mary Keys is a lecturer at the Law Faculty, NUI, Galway where her main areas of interest are health law and policy, in particular, mental health law. She is a member of the Mental Health Commission, the Mental Health Advisory Committee of the NDA and a board member of the Brothers of Charity Services in Galway and a founding member of the Disability Law and Policy Research Unit at the Law Faculty. She completed a Ph.D. at Cardiff University Law School on mental health law and human rights and has publications and papers in this area.

Patricia T Rickard-Clarke

Patricia Rickard-Clarke is the full time Commissioner with the Law Reform Commission since 2001 having been a part-time Commissioner since 1997. Up until 2002 she was a partner in McCann FitzGerald Solicitors specialising in taxation and trusts. Over the years she has contributed to a number of publications on Trusts, Settlements and Succession Law and has contributed to the publication *Older People in Modern Ireland: Essays on Law and Policy (First Law)* published in 2005. She is Chair of the Law Society's Mental Health and Capacity Task Force and a member of NUI Maynooth Law Council.

Dr Doiminic Ó Brannagáin

Dr. Doiminic Ó Brannagáin is a Consultant Physician in Palliative Medicine in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda and Senior Lecturer in Medicine in the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland. His interests in clinical practice are the transition to palliative care, symptom clustering in advanced illness, care of the actively dying patient and palliative care in non-malignant illnesses. He has also spoken at many national and international symposia on palliative care and care of the dying. He was a member of the Permanent Working Group (PWG) of European Junior Hospital Doctors and worked on taskforces for Medical Manpower Planning and on the 1993 EC Working Time Directive. He was the PWG delegate to the UEMO (European Union of General Practitioners) and sat on the CPME (the Standing Committee of European Doctors).

Mervyn Taylor

Mervyn Taylor is currently Manager of the Hospice Friendly Hospitals (HfH) Programme, initiated by The Irish Hospice Foundation in partnership with the Health Service Executive. He also managed the pilot project for the HfH Programme at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital in Drogheda from 2004-2006. He has worked in a range of capacities across the voluntary, statutory and private sectors. He has at various times been Director of M.S. Ireland (Multiple Sclerosis Society), CEO of the M.S. Care Foundation & Project Manager of the National M.S. Care Centre, Manager of Planning & Organisation with the NSSB (now the Citizens Information Board) and European Development Manager on the Euro-Trace project for an alliance of IT companies. He has also provided consultancy and short-term executive placement services and taught organisational behaviour.

Dr Katherine Froggatt

Katherine Froggatt qualified as a registered nurse in London following completion of her geography degree at Durham University. She worked in radiotherapy and the care of older people before moving into research in both university and hospital settings undertaking research and practice development in the areas of oncology and palliative care. Her interests in the care of older people, dementia and palliative care have led her to undertake several projects concerned with care homes and end of life care. She currently works at the International Observatory on End of Life Care at the Institute for Health Research, Lancaster University. She co-leads a programme of research concerned with older adults and supportive and palliative care as part of the Cancer Experiences Collaborative.

REGISTRATION

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To facilitate the organisation of the Conference and to ensure allocation of a place, bookings should be made by Tuesday 30 September 2008.

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Bioethics: Advance Care Directives is the fifth Annual Conference of the Law Reform Commission.

The theme of this year's Conference was chosen to reflect the Commission's work in the area of advance care directives under its *Third Programme of Law Reform 2008-2014* and to launch its Consultation Paper on the topic.

Currently there is no formal legal structure in Ireland under which a person can set out their wishes in advance about future care and treatment in the event of accident or illness. The Conference will encourage debate and discussion on the legal and ethical issues to be considered when drawing up an Advance Care Directive.

Bioethics: Advance Care Directives is to be held on Tuesday 14 October 2008 in Dublin Castle.

REGISTRATION

Registration is essential. No conference fee is payable.

SUBSTITUTE ATTENDANCE

If you are unable to attend, a substitute can attend in your place. Notification of any substitution should be made in advance of the Conference.

UNAVOIDABLE CHANGES

It may be necessary to make changes to the content and timing of the Conference Programme or to substitute speakers.

VENUE

The Main Conference Hall is in the Upper Yard of Dublin Castle.

CAR PARKING

There are a number of public car parks nearby. The nearest is that of Jury's Inn Christchurch, which is located in Werburg Street: Tel. 00353 1 454 0000, Fax 00353 1 454 0012.

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Further information is also available on the Dublin Castle website www.dublincastle.ie