

AGENDA

NOCA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026

From Audit to Action: A Culture of Improvement

10th FEBRUARY 2026, RCSI, 26 YORK STREET, DUBLIN 2

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MORNING	TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
	CHAIR: Dr Eamon Dolan, Regional Clinical Director, HSE Dublin and North East		
	9.30 – 9.35	Collette Tully, Executive Director, NOCA	Welcome to NOCA 2026
	9.35 – 9.45	Jennifer Murnane O'Connor TD, Minister of State for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy	Opening Address
	9.45 – 10.00	Louise Brent, Head of Audit Management, NOCA Michael Madigan, Patient & Public Interest Representative, Audit Impact Committee	NOCA Impact Report 2026
	10.00 – 10.20	Professor Ronan Margey, Clinical Lead, Irish Heart Attack Audit	LAUNCH: Irish Heart Attack Audit National Report 2024
	10.20 – 10.35	Paula Connor, Patient & Public Interest Representative, Irish Heart Attack Audit	Patient Perspective
	10.35 – 11.00	PANEL DISCUSSION Collette Tully, Executive Director, NOCA Louise Brent, Head of Audit Management, NOCA Professor Ronan Margey, Clinical Lead, Irish Heart Attack Audit Paula Connor, PPI Representative, Irish Heart Attack Audit Professor Joseph Galvin, Clinical Co-Lead, National Heart Programme	

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MID-MORNING	CHAIR: Majella Daly, Assistant National Director, Audit, Improvement and Education, HSE National Quality and Patient Safety		
	11.30 – 11.40	Emer Doyle, Principal Officer, Health Information Policy Unit, Department of Health	Ireland – Getting Ready for the European Health Data Space
	11.40 – 11.50	NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Carol Doherty, Respiratory Advanced Nurse Practitioner, Letterkenny University Hospital	Rebreathing new life into oxygen therapy
	11.50 – 12.00	NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Princy Kuriak, Clinical Skills Facilitator (Deteriorating Patient) Practice Development Our Lady of Lourdes' Hospital, Louth Hospitals, Drogheda	Improving Sepsis Management in the Emergency Department, Louth Hospitals – An Organisational Quality Improvement Initiative
	12.00 – 12.10	NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Dr Muhammad Sikandar Tahir Paediatric Registrar, Mayo University Hospital	Reducing Unnecessary SCBU Admissions Through a Midwifery-Centred Transitional Care Observation Pathway for Term and Near-Term Infants with Mild Respiratory Distress in a Level 1 Maternity Hospital
	12.10 – 12.20	NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Kayla Murphy, CNM2, Clinical Operations Manager Children's Health Ireland (CHI) at Crumlin	Probing for Change: Making Emergency Care Greener
	12.20 – 12.30	NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Edel O'Toole, Clinical Specialist Radiation Therapist, Radiation Safety Officer, University Hospital Galway	Audit of additional Cone beam imaging in pelvic radiotherapy and QIP to use Pelvic floor exercises to reduce improving efficiency, safety and patient experience on treatment
	12.30 – 12.40	NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 Karena Hayes, Clinical Nurse Specialist in Stroke, Cork University Hospital	Time is Brain: Reducing time to CT for Acute Stroke Patients in Cork University Hospital
	12.40 – 13.10	PANEL DISCUSSION - FROM AUDIT TO ACTION: WHAT REALLY DRIVES IMPROVEMENT? Professor Michael Barrett, Chair, National Paediatric Mortality Register Governance Committee Professor Rory Dwyer, Clinical Lead, Irish National ICU Audit Professor Joseph Harbison, Clinical Lead, Irish National Audit of Stroke Associate Professor Martina Healy, Clinical Lead, Irish Paediatric Critical Care Audit Dr Michael Lucey, Clinical Lead, Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration Ireland	

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AFTERNOON	CHAIR: Sandra Broderick, Regional Executive Officer, HSE Mid West		
	14.20 – 14.35	Recorded contribution from Christine and Matt Hurley, with live introduction by Dr Seán O'Dowd, Clinical Lead, HSE National Dementia Services	Patient & Family Perspective: Living with Dementia
	14.35 – 15.00	KEYNOTE: Professor Emma Vardy, Clinical Co-Lead, National Audit of Dementia, UK	From data to practice – A spotlight on dementia
	15.00 – 15.20	Dr Mary Browne, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, HSE National Health Service Improvement Team, Public Health Dr Graham Hughes, Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Older People, HSE	Co-Designing What Matters - Ageing Well Together: An Older Adult Health and Wellbeing Profile
	15.20 – 15.40	Michael Comyn, Managing Director, The Time Signal Ltd.	From Data to Doing: Unlocking the Immunity to Change
	15.40 – 16.00	PANEL DISCUSSION Professor Emma Vardy, Clinical Co-Lead, National Audit of Dementia, UK Dr Mary Browne, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, HSE National Health Service Improvement Team, Public Health Dr Graham Hughes, Clinical Lead, National Clinical Programme for Older People, HSE Michael Comyn, Managing Director, The Time Signal Ltd. Professor Antoinette O'Connor, Clinical Lead, Irish Dementia Registry	
	16.00 – 16.15	Dr Brian Creedon, Clinical Director, NOCA	Presentation of NOCA Quality Improvement Champion Award 2026 & Closing Address

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