Members of the Journal Committee: Chair Frank Browne (and interim editor)
Steven Peet, Majella Hickey and Susan Commins

The Journal Committee have continued to work effectively throughout the past year. Steven Peet, Majella Hickey and Susan Commins joined the committee during the year and I would like to thank Gloria Kirwan and Saragh McGarrigle who stepped down from the committee for all their hard work and support.

1. Two journals have been published to date. The autumn 2015 journal had a mental health theme and the recently published spring journal was generic in content. Both journals have been received favorably and I think this is to the credit of all those who have spent many hours fine tuning their articles. The articles written to date have been by social work academics, practicing social workers and those from other professional backgrounds. I would like to thank all the members of the Journal Committee Steven, Majella and Susan, who have assisted me in reviewing the articles submitted in a timely manner and in offering constructive feedback to the authors. While the journal is not formally a peer reviewed journal, each article is reviewed by at least two readers.

2. The Journal Committee have updated the author guidelines which the committee believes will assist writers in submitting an article for publication. The guidelines set a standard in terms of the required structure and layout of articles, and this will facilitate more easily articles being made available via Lenus, the HSE open access repository for Irish health publications.

3. Sarah Donnelly who is Chair of the Practitioner Research Group has kindly agreed to be the guest editor for the summer journal 2016

4. I have in addition to being Chair of the journal committee also taken on the role of the interim editor of the journal until an editor is successfully recruited. IASW plans to advertise again for the position of editor of the journal later in the year. The new editor will join the committee as the fifth member

Finally, I would like to encourage all members of the IASW to consider submitting an article for publication. The Journal Committee welcomes both research based articles and also articles with a reflective practice focus. The Journal Committee will offer support and guidance as required. All articles published in the Irish Social Worker Journal are now available after six months, (with the author’s permission) to Lenus the HSE open access repository for Irish health publications. This facilitates authors to disseminate their work to a much wider audience both in Ireland and internationally.