



Webinar Programme

Protecting Nursing Home Residents Rights to Family Life: Lessons for Ireland **Wednesday 24th March, 9.30 to 11.30am (GMT)**

9.30-9.40 am ***Welcome and Hearing the Voice of Residents***

9.40-9.55 am ***The experience of nursing home residents and their families during Covid19***

Majella Beattie, Care Champions, an Irish family run advocacy group

9.55-10.10 am ***Human rights law and its demands of the State in the nursing home context***

Dr Maeve O'Rourke, Lecturer in Human Rights at the Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

10.10-10.25 am ***Visitors in nursing homes during COVID-19: essential for residents' wellbeing***

Professor Hilde Verbeek, Professor of Long-Term Care Environment and Dr Ramona Backhaus, Senior Researcher, Maastricht University, The Netherlands

10.25-10.40 am **Q and A Session**

10.40-10.50 am ***Balancing Autonomy and Protection for Nursing Homes Residents***

Dr Sarah Donnelly, Assistant Professor of Social Work, School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, University College Dublin; Ireland

10.50-11.05 am ***A Psychiatry of Later Life Perspective of the Impact of COVID-19 in Nursing Homes***

Professor Greg Swanwick, Consultant Psychiatrist of Later Life, Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin

11.05-11.15 am ***IASW Advocating for Rights-based Practice in Nursing Homes***

Sinead Mc Garry, Irish Association of Social Workers

11.15-11.30 am ***Q and A Session and Close***

The webinar is organised in the context of Covid19 and current visiting restrictions for nursing home and care home residents and will provide an opportunity to discuss what is the constitutional right of Irish citizens to a family life? What impact has cocooning and visiting restrictions had on nursing home residents and their families? What can we learn from other jurisdictions about safe visiting arrangements? How can models such as the IASW Liaison Social Work Role for Nursing Homes offer communication care and crisis support to residents and their families?

This webinar will cover a broad range of issues related to the protection of residents' rights to family life in nursing homes, learning from successful visiting practice & approaches elsewhere and concluding with lessons for Ireland and a panel discussion.

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