



World Elder Abuse Awareness Day Seminar 2015

Speaker Biographies

Speaker: Dr Attracta Lafferty, NCPOP, UCD

'Non-compliance with residential care standards: Towards a risk-management framework for the prevention of elder abuse'

Dr Attracta Lafferty has been Associate Centre Director at the National Centre for the Protection of Older People (NCPOP), UCD for the past six years. Attracta has worked on several research projects involving vulnerable adults, including older people and people with intellectual disabilities. Attracta worked as a Research Fellow on a national ageing research project in the field of intellectual disabilities and has since worked on several research projects in elder mistreatment. These have included a study with survivors of elder abuse and three large-scale surveys involving older people, nursing and care staff and family carers of older people.

Speaker: Dr Deirdre O'Donnell, NCPOP, UCD

'Interventions and services that address elder abuse: An integrated review'

Dr Deirdre O'Donnell is a Lecturer in Health Systems in UCD, School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems. Her research interests include later life well-being and happiness, empowerment and elder abuse prevention and intervention. She is a co-founder of the Older People's Empowerment Network group and is the principal investigator responsible for developing the Keep Control Campaign; an educational and information campaign which provides information and tools which support older people to be empowered against financial abuse and or exploitation.

Speaker: Ms Marguerite Clancy, HSE

'Open Your Eyes' – Referral of abuse to HSE services'

Ms Marguerite Clancy is a Senior Research and Information Officer working with the HSE. She holds a Masters Degree in Sport and Exercise Science from the University of Limerick and a graduate certificate in Health Economics from the University of York. In the past she has been involved in health promotion initiatives however for the past 8 years she has worked within services for older people. A key part of her role has been the establishment and ongoing evaluation of elder abuse referral statistics in Ireland. She is member of the National Elder Abuse Steering Committee. She is currently based in the National Safeguarding Office.



Speaker: Professor Gerard Fealy, UCD
'Closing remarks'

Gerard Fealy is Professor of Nursing and Associate Dean for Research, Innovation and Impact at the UCD School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems, and is also Director of the National Centre for the Protection of Older People, UCD. Gerard is a registered nurse (RGN) with a clinical background in medical intensive care nursing and is a researcher in the fields of social gerontology, nursing and midwifery policy and planning and health systems.