

Virtual conference for Approved Social Workers (ASW) and their managers in Northern Ireland

Tuesday 15 November 2022



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Programme

9.45 - 10.00am	Introduction to the morning
	Peter Toogood Deputy Permanent Secretary, Social Services Policy Group (SPPG) Department of Health (DoH)
10.00 - 10.45am	International Perspective - Law, policy and practice in Victoria
	Lisa Brophy Professor of Social Work, La Trobe University
10.45 - 11.00am	Break
11.00 - 12.00pm	The Decision Support Service and Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015
	Aine Flynn Director of the Decision Support Service, Republic of Ireland
12.00 - 1.00pm	The role of the ASW in implementing the Mental Capacity Act (NI) 2016
	Phil Hughes Professional Advisor Mental Capacity Act, DoH Janine Gordon MCA Training and skills development
1.00 - 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30 - 2.15pm	Carer input
	Moira Harper Carer Advocate for Forensic Services
2.15 - 3.00pm	Review of the legal context in Scotland the and the role of the Mental Health Officer
	Pearse McCusker University of Edinburgh and External Examiner on ASW course at Queen's University Belfast (QUB)
3.00 - 3.15pm	Break
3.15 - 3.45pm	Evaluation of ASW simulation training
	Dr Paula Houton QUB
3.45 - 4.00pm	Focus on supporting ASWs – Mapping the challenges and vision for the future
	Darren Strawbridge Office of Social Services Julie Haslett SPPG
4.00 - 4.15pm	Conclusion
	Aine Morrison Chief Social Work Officer, DoH