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**Call for Expressions of Interest (Eoi) for Pharmacists for Nomination to  
HSE National Clinical Programmes**

Queries relating to this should be addressed to [info@iiop.ie](mailto:info@iiop.ie)

## Background

### **National Health and Social Care Professions Office (HSCP)**

The National HSCP Office was established on February 1st 2017 to strategically lead and support HSCPs to maximise their potential and achieve greatest impact in design, planning, management and delivery of person centred integrated care.

A key theme for the National HSCP Office is to identify, evaluate and replicate best practice so as to ensure that HSCP are leaders in driving the changes required to reshape how healthcare is delivered. Identifying best practice is being undertaken in partnership with frontline staff, managers and professional bodies.

### **HSE National Clinical Programmes**

The Clinical Strategy and Programmes Division of the HSPC brings clinical leadership to the heart of decision making process with the ultimate aim of improving quality, access and value of healthcare in the country. With some 33 National Clinical Programmes (NCPs) and supporting initiatives they have been one of the most significant, positive developments in the Irish health service. They have changed, and continue to change, how care is delivered using evidence-based approaches to system reform. The National Clinical Programmes (NCPs) have provided a foundation of valuable learning of the need to maintain and enhance clinical leadership and develop clinical pathways that are truly patient-centred.

Each of the NCPs has a Clinical Lead, a multi-disciplinary Working Group (including patient representatives), and a Clinical Advisory Group. Having a wide range of clinicians involved means that the proposed solutions will be more robust in their conception, and will be more easily accepted by colleagues at implementation.

The National Clinical Programmes with a number of supporting initiatives are tasked with improving specific areas within the health service. This is achieved by designing and specifying standardised models of care, guidelines, pathways and associated strategies for the delivery of clinical care. Examples include National Clinical Programmes for Acute Medicine, Acute Surgery, COPD, Diabetes, Emergency Medicine, Critical Care, Chronic Heart Disease, Stroke and many more.

### **The Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP)**

The Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP) has been established by the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (PSI, The Pharmacy Regulator). Its roles include the development and implementation of a CPD system for pharmacists and the development of pharmacy practice in line with international best practice and evolving healthcare needs.

## **Expressions of Interest**

The Irish Institute of Pharmacy will seek expressions of interest from pharmacists who wish to be considered for nomination as pharmacist representative to the National Clinical Programmes, as requests arise.

Participation in a HSE National Clinical Programmes will be on a voluntary basis.

## **General Requirements for the Role\***

- Relevant experience working at policy level
- Expertise in the clinical area
- Track record of service planning and development
- Ability to collaborate with other advisory group members
- Leadership and influencing skills
- Ability to commit to the time required to participate in this role
- Willingness to actively contribute
- Demonstrates a person-centred focus
- Excellent critical appraisal skills
- Ability to communicate and consult with colleagues and to seek feedback and guidance on outputs from the group

\*These are subject to change depending on the particular programme

## **The Process**

When a National Clinical Programme requires a pharmacy representative, they contact the HSCP office requesting pharmacist input. The HSCP Office will develop a Role Requirements Checklist and Nomination Form to be sent to the IIOP. The IIOP will then circulate this information to the distribution list requesting nominations. The process is outlined below.



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