

Looking Forward : Specialist Rehabilitation Services in Ireland How should these services be developed and delivered?

Syndicate Session 1 – Liaison and Outreach Services – a vital link in the chain of rehabilitation

An inpatient stay at the NRH is only part of the persons overall journey in the pathway of care in the rehabilitation process. The model system of rehabilitation care, as described by Horn in 1992, refers to the mechanism of providing a timely, Co-ordinated continuum of care and service delivery sufficient to the needs of Rehabilitation service users, from the time of onset of injury throughout the person's lifetime.

The NRH services have particularly developed and responded to service requirements for information, education, assessment, interventions and support prior to and throughout admission, and following discharge from the rehabilitation hospital setting.

This session presents a selection of five liaison and outreach services provided by the National Rehabilitation Hospital:

- Brain Injury Liaison Service
- Next Stages Programme – The Rehabilitation Training Unit
- Discharge Liaison Occupational Therapy
- Vocational Assessment – Spinal Programme
- Spinal Cord System of Care Liaison Service

These presentations will highlight how these services when provided in a timely manner not only enhance the personal experience but maximise clinical outcomes for the person undergoing rehabilitation.

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Speakers:

- Jane Culligan, Brain Injury Liaison Service
- Edina O Driscoll, Manager, The Rehabilitative Training Unit
- Mary Galvin, Senior Occupational Therapist, DLOT service
- Catherine Logan, Senior Occupational Therapist, Vocational Assessment
- Siobhan O Driscoll, Spinal Injuries Ireland, Vocational Programme.
- Liz Maume, Liaison Nurse, Spinal Cord Injury