

NIPHRN Autumn Webinar series

“Pharmacy and Public Health - *various approaches and viewpoints*”

Three webinars are being held over the forthcoming weeks focusing on pharmacy and public health, from different perspectives, for better health. Hearing from the community sector, academic and policy voices, the breadth of ongoing work in this area will be showcased. Within this exciting mini-series, there will be something for everyone, and learning to be gained from each other.

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Webinar 1: **Helen McNamee**, Research & Policy Manager & **Kathy Martin**, Strategic Impact Manager, Community Development and Health Network (CDHN)

15th November 2023 (Wednesday), 1-2pm, via Zoom

‘Community led approaches to health: The importance of trust, relationships and partnerships to engage communities, shape research and policy and improve health outcomes’

CDHN will share learning from their recent research ‘Our Lives, Our Meds, Our Health’ Exploring Medication Safety Through a Social Lens. The research used a Community Based Participatory Research approach to enhance stakeholders’ knowledge and understanding and ensure they had an equitable role throughout the process. They will also share learning from their community development and health programmes, ‘Building the Community Pharmacy Partnership’ and Elevate.

Webinar 2: **Professor Carmel Hughes**, Queen’s University Belfast

23rd November 2023 (Thursday), 1-2pm, via Zoom

‘What to measure: the importance of core outcome sets in trials focusing on improving the use of medicines’

Webinar 3: **Katie Blair**, Pharmacy Adviser for Strategic Planning and Performance Group of the Department of Health

13th December 2023 (Wednesday), 1-2pm, via Zoom

‘Public health interventions through community pharmacy: the “Living Well” service’

Speaker Bios



Helen McNamee

Helen is Research and Policy Manager in Community Development and Health Network (CDHN). She is the lead author of CDHN 'Our Lives, Our Meds, Our Health' Exploring Medication Safety Through a Social Lens" (2023) research. Helen has worked in the community and voluntary sector for over 20 years and has a keen interest in community led approaches to health, participatory research, measuring impact and health literacy. She has developed and delivered health literacy training and sits on the Regional Health Literacy Forum for Northern Ireland.

Kathy Martin

Kathy is Strategic Impact Manager in Community Development and Health Network (CDHN). She has over 20 years' experience of working in the community and voluntary sector. She manages the Building the Community-Pharmacy Partnership (BCPP) Programme at an operation level and ensures that the impact of the programme is shared strategically. Kathy is a skilled trainer and facilitator who is passionate about community development and participation.



Professor Carmel Hughes

Carmel is Professor of Primary Care Pharmacy at the School of Pharmacy at Queen's University Belfast. She was the first pharmacist to have been appointed to a Harkness Fellowship in Healthcare Policy, the only pharmacist to receive a Primary Care Career Scientist Award and a former Cochrane Fellow. Her research interests centre on prescribing in older people, intervention development and evidence-based healthcare. Carmel is a Senior Editor for the journal *Pilot and Feasibility Studies*. She is a Trustee of the Dunhill Medical Trust, a charity which funds research focusing on older people and she also chairs the Trust's Research Grants Committee. She is a member of the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) Programme Grants for Applied Research funding panel. Carmel is currently a member of the International Scientific Council (ISC) of the Louvain Drug Research Institute (LDRI,) the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland School of Pharmacy and Biomolecular Sciences External Advisory Board, the International Advisory Board of the School for Primary Care Research (funded by NIHR) and a non-Executive Director of the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust. She has been a member of the United Kingdom (UK) Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 Sub-panel 3.



Katie Blair

Katie is a Pharmacy Adviser for Strategic Planning and Performance Group of the Department of Health with a background in community pharmacy, public health and health promotion. She leads on the "Living Well" service, a community pharmacy service focusing on addressing key public health priorities across Northern Ireland.

