SPHeRE Network

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2021

The Value of Research and Evidence in a Crisis

Tuesday 23rd of February 2021

Online

#SPHeRE2021
09:00  Welcome Address & Network Update  
Dr Mary Clarke, SPHeRE Director, RCSI

09:10  Keynote Address: Bringing Evidence to Practice During the COVID-19 Pandemic  
Chaired by Professor Sarah Barry  
Dr Josep Figueras, Director and Co-Founder of the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

09:45  Q&A  
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Session:  Original Research Relating to the Current Pandemic (and live Q&A)  
Chaired by Dr Ronan Foley

10:05  Dr Viveka Guzmán, RCSI  
 Associations of mental health and wellbeing with the natural and built environment during COVID-19: Irish perspectives from the GreenCOVID study

10:15  Noreen O’Leary, UL  
 COVID-19 policies impacting healthcare delivery and healthcare staff in Ireland: A rapid review

10:25  Dr Aoife Fleming, UCC  
 A mixed methods study investigating the impact of COVID-19 on community pharmacy practice and pharmacist wellbeing  
-Break-

Session:  General Research (and live Q&A)  
Chaired by Dr Olga Cleary

10:45  Dr Stefania Castello, TCD  
 We Can Quit2 (WCQ2) - Results of a pilot randomised controlled trial of a community-based smoking cessation intervention for disadvantaged women in Ireland

10:55  Louise Foley, NUIG  
 A qualitative study of medication adherence among people living with multimorbidity

11:05  Oluwadamilola Alokam, UCC  
 Tobacco control among prisoners in Western Europe; a systematic review and meta-analysis

11:15  David McEvoy, RCSI  
 Methods of self-harm and times of attendance at emergency departments: A comparison in children, teenagers, young adults and adults using the National Self-Harm Registry of Ireland (NSHRI) database

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Session:  Evidence Synthesis Related to the Current Pandemic (and live Q&A)  
Chaired by Dr Diarmuid Coughlan

11:35  Dr Laura Comber, HIQA  
 Alternative clinical specimens for the detection of SARS-CoV-2: A rapid review

11:55  James Larkin, RCSI/HIQA  
 A synthesis of internationally published guidance for residential care facilities in the context of COVID-19

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Keynote:  Use of Evidence to Inform Policy in a Rapid Context  
Presentations & Panel Discussion Chaired by Professor John Browne

12:15  Professor Susan Smith, Professor of Primary Care Medicine, RCSI  
 Evidence to Support Public Health Policy and Frontline Clinicians in a Health Crisis

12:30  Dr John Cuddihy, Director, Health Protection Surveillance Centre, HSE  
 Information for Action in Pandemic Response

12:45  Professor Pete Lunn, Founder and Head of the Behavioural Research Unit (BRU), ESRI  
 Understanding the Behavioural Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

13:00  Panel Discussion

13:15  Closing Remarks & Poster Prize,  
Professor John Browne, SPHeRE Co-Director, UCC