

# PRESS RELEASE

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### SHINE and College of Psychiatrists of Ireland unite to connect Families and Carers of those with Mental Illness / problems with Psychiatrists and others

A one day conference focussing on the role of family in promoting recovery will enable and encourage mental health professionals, family members/carers, and service users to join together for discussion.

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland (CPsychI) will host their third annual conference with Shine on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> of September with a focus on the role of family in promoting recovery. Family members/carers and service users will have the opportunity to discuss their needs and issues during panel discussions with various key stakeholders.

*Prof Patricia Casey* (Professor of Psychiatry, Department of Psychiatry, UCD and the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital), *Liam Hennessy* (Head of Service User, Family Member and Carer Engagement in the Mental Health Division) and *Gina Delaney* (Managing Partner, ARI) combined with contributions from CPsychI REFOCUS\* and SHINE members, and other presenters who will cover various topics.

Presentations will be given on **Confidentiality**; the **Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015**; and **Local Mental Health Engagement**, and their impact on those caring for persons with a mental illness.

This one day interactive conference is for all members of the Mental Health Services Multi-Disciplinary Team, Family Members and Carers, and those who use the services, a diverse mix that is sure to invite various approaches to promoting recovery in Ireland.

Following valuable feedback from the first joint conference in Dublin CPsychI and Shine decided to host the conference in a different location each year to increase engagement with those outside of Dublin, last year taking the conference to Galway, and this year moving south to Waterford.

[Please click here for the full programme.](#)

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#### **ENDS**

*Those from the press wishing to attend please contact:*

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#### **Notes for the Editor:**

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland was formed in 2009. It is the professional body for psychiatrists in the Republic of Ireland. The Mission of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is to promote excellence in the practice of psychiatry. The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is the sole

body recognised by the Medical Council and the HSE for the training of doctors to become specialists in psychiatry and for the continuing assurance of the career long competence of specialists in psychiatry. The College supports the delivery of mental health services in line with the recovery model and supports the delivery of the national policy on mental health services A Vision for Change.

\* In 2011, The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland established REFOCUS, (Recovery Experience Forum of Carers and Users of the Services) a forum where the views and experiences of service users and family members/carers would inform and influence all aspects of College business and, in particular, the training of young, future psychiatrists.