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Prevent Sexual Abuse

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND BRANCH

## **NOTA Republic of Ireland Newsletter/Bulletin Board – Issue 3**

**Dear NOTA Member,**

On behalf of the NOTA Republic of Ireland Branch Executive, I would like to wish you a Happy New Year and welcome you to the third NOTA Republic of Ireland Local Newsletter/Bulletin Board. The Irish NOTA Branch Executive meets approximately four to five times a year and two of the meetings are face to face meetings. Currently meetings take place in Dublin where the majority of the Branch Executive members are located but the Branch is always keen to host NOTA conference/events around the country and/or to meet with local groups working in the field.

As part of engaging more with local NOTA Membership all NOTA Republic of Ireland members will receive the following Bulletin Board after each Executive Meeting. This third Bulletin Board was approved for circulation at our most recent Branch teleconference on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

We would very much welcome your feedback on any issue/item featured and also any contribution related to this area of work and look forward to meeting with you at forthcoming NOTA Conference event.

Yours Sincerely,

*Mary Tallon*

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**Chair of NOTA Republic of Ireland Branch**

<p><b>NOTA Rep. of Ireland Executive</b></p>	<p><b>Chair: Mary Tallon</b>, Senior Social Worker, NIAP,  <b>Vice Chair: Eileen Finnegan</b>, Clinical Director, One in Four  <b>Secretary: Daragh Bailey</b>, Co-ordinator, Safer Lives  <b>Treasurer: Mary Flaherty</b>, Chief Executive Officer, CARI  <b>Training Representative: Nivard Whelan</b>, Family Therapist, Athrú Service  <b>Policy Sub Committee Representative: Dr. Nicholas Bankes</b>, Clinical Director A.C.T Psychological Services Ltd.  <b>Joan Cherry</b>, Director, NIAP  <b>Kieran McGrath</b>, Child Welfare Consultant  <b>Pauline Downey</b>, Senior Probation Officer, National SORAM Office  <b>Julie McCullough</b>, Child Safeguarding &amp; Protection Service, Archdiocese of Dublin  <b>Paul Murphy</b>, Child Safeguarding Designated Person, Capuchin Friars/Order  <b>Steven Harper</b>, Counselling Psychologist, Irish Prison Service, Arbour Hill Prison</p>
<p><b>NOTA Branch Update</b></p>	<p>Teleconferences held on <b>October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016</b> and a face-to-face <b>January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b> and key items/actions agreed as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Branch AGM to be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 in the Thomas Davis Lecture Theatre, Trinity College 7.30-8pm.</b> NOTA Journal Club event will take place on same evening 5.30 pm. – 7.30pm. Flyer to be circulated re same.</li> <li>2) Mr. Stephen Harper, Counselling Psychologist, Arbour Hill Prison welcomed to the NOTA Executive.</li> <li>3) Finalised plans for joint NOTA, Northern Ireland and Republic of Ireland, Conference on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Dromatine Conference Centre, Newry. Dr. Karl Hanson lead author of many widely used risk scales will present on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>When is an individual with a history of sexual crime no longer a “sex offender” and</i></li> <li>b) <i>Revising risk assessments for sexual recidivism: STABLE-2007: change and the effect of remaining offence-free in the community.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>4) Finalising Conference Plans on Internet/New Technology, Young People and on line behaviours – (see below date for diary).</li> <li>5) Planning meeting scheduled for February 2017 with National Safeguarding Board, (NBSCCCI) to consider co-hosting a Conference in the autumn of 2017.</li> <li>6) Letter written to Director of COSC to seek opportunity to engage and contribute to prevention policy in this area.</li> <li>7) Feedback re very successful conference on “Interviewing Sex Offenders from a Garda and Social Work Perspective” in November 2016.</li> <li>8) Dr. Rosaleen McElvaney has contributed an article on Trauma which she presented to NOTA Journal Club in Cork in September, 2016, in the forthcoming NOTA News.</li> <li>9) All future NOTA events to be booked centrally though NOTA/Anne Ellington as per booking forms.</li> </ol>
<p><b>NOTA Events/Conferences Dates for Diary</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 NOTA Ireland AGM.</b> Thomas Davis Lecture Theatre, Trinity College. 7.30pm– 8pm</li> <li>2) <b>April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 NOTA Journal Club Event.</b> Thomas Davis Lecture Theatre, Trinity College.5.30-7.30pm <i>Flyer to be circulated.</i></li> <li>3) <b>April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - When is an individual with a history of sexual crime no longer a “sex offender”:</b> Dr. Karl Hanson. Dromatine Conference Centre, Newry.</li> <li>4) <b>June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Internet/New Technology, Young People and on line behaviours.</b> Holy Cross Diocesan Centre, Clonliffe College, Dublin 3.</li> <li>5) <b>Autumn 2017</b> – Proposed one day event co-hosted with National Safeguarding Board on pornography and links to offending. Date and Venue to be confirmed.</li> </ol>

<b>NOTA Journal Club</b>	Journal Club events planned for: a) Galway – Date and venue to be confirmed
<b>Membership News</b>	Please feel free to contact NOTA Executive members re training needs/network events/options
<b>News/Useful Reference items</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re Prevention of Sexual Abuse – please see series of Blogs on NOTA Website as follows: <a href="http://www.notaprevention.co.uk/the-prevention-agenda-in-2017/">http://www.notaprevention.co.uk/the-prevention-agenda-in-2017/</a></li> <li>• Lucy Faithfull - see list of 170 or more “resources” i.e. programmes/interventions from around the world, freely available to all on the ECSA website <a href="http://ecsa.lucyfaithfull.org/">http://ecsa.lucyfaithfull.org/</a></li> <li>• NOTA Members hosted a session at the Battle of Ideas on October, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at the “Barbican”, London engaging with a young and diverse audience. Please see: <a href="http://www.battleofideas.org.uk">http://www.battleofideas.org.uk</a> and/or YouTube clip re same.</li> </ul>
<b>Updates</b>	<b>Please contact any NOTA Executive Member re any topic/issues to discuss/general queries regarding NOTA.</b>
<b>Next NOTA Executive Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Teleconference March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>  <b>12-1pm</b>