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**CONFERENCE 2023**

**19 September 2023**  
**The Gibson Hotel, Dublin**

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# PROGRAMME

**Chair: Mr John Doris**

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford and  
President, Irish College of Ophthalmologists

**8.00am Registration and Welcome Refreshments**

**8.30am Session 1: REFRACTIVE SURGERY**

*Assessment of the refractive surgery patient*

MS ELAINE CORRIGAN

Optometrist, Wellington Eye Clinic, Beacon Medical Campus, Dublin

*Orthoptic considerations in refractive surgery*

MS GILLIAN O'MULLANE

Clinical Specialist Orthoptist, Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street, Dublin

*Examining the options and different procedures available to patients*

PROF WILLIAM POWER

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital and Blackrock Health

**10.10am Demonstration of Healthlink**

Healthlink is the National Health Messaging web service which allows the secure transmission of clinical patient information between Hospitals, Health Care Agencies and Medical Practitioners. A demonstration of how the service operates and the key benefits will be presented at the conference.

**10.30am Refreshments**

**11.00am Session 2: VISUAL IMPAIRMENT AND SUPPORTING YOUR PATIENTS**

This session will discuss the ways in which the eye care team can support visually impaired patients while in clinic, referral guidelines and the importance of timely intervention in offering support to your patient.

**Chair: Mr Kevin Kelly**

National Strategic Partnership Manager, NCBI

*A clinician's perspective on visual impairment support*

MS JANICE BRADY

Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford

*A general overview of NCBI services*

MS KRISTINA MILLER

National Insights and Impact Manager, NCBI

*The Eye Clinic Liaison Service – route to community support and service*

MS HILARY DEVLIN

Eye Clinic Liaison Officer, NCBI

The Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) service operates in Dublin in the Mater, Temple Street and the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear hospitals. The aim of the ECLO is to provide timely support to patients at the point of, or as close to diagnosis as possible. ECLO, Hilary Devlin will explain to the audience what it is like to do this role and how important it is for patients to know support is on hand.

**The Patient's Perspective - Panel Discussion**

The College is delighted to welcome Mrs Helen Murphy who will share her experience as an ophthalmology patient.

*Keynote Talk: "SCNF (Second Chance Never Forget)"*

MR IAN MCKINLEY

Former Professional Rugby Player

**1.00pm Lunch**

**2.00pm Session 3: GLAUCOMA**

*Capacity in glaucoma services: Engaging with primary care optometry*

DR ROBERT HARPER

Optometrist, Manchester Royal Eye Hospital and Honorary Professor of Optometry, School of Health Sciences, University of Manchester

*Adult glaucoma care pathway across community and hospital*

DR MARGARET MORGAN

Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist, CHO 7 & Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin

*An overview of the nurse specialist led glaucoma clinic over the past 12 years in Beaumont Eye Department*

MS ELAINE BRENNAN

Clinical Nurse Specialist, Glaucoma Clinic, Eye Department, Beaumont Hospital, Dublin

**4.00pm Meeting Close**

**\*CME Accredited - 6 CPD Points**



### **Meeting Chair:**

#### ***Mr John Doris***

***Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford.***

Mr John Doris is a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon at University Hospital Waterford with a specialist interest in Vitreoretinal surgery. He has 20 years of experience working within the United Kingdom's NHS and Ireland's HSE. He graduated in Medicine from Queens University Belfast in 1998 and is dual qualified as a Medical Physician and an Ophthalmic Surgeon. In 2009, he undertook a dual Medical Retinal and Vitreoretinal Fellowship at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital. During that year, he was a co-investigator for a Wet ARMD clinical trial (GMAN Trial). He was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists UK in 2010.

He completed three additional years of specialist vitreoretinal surgical training at three internationally renowned centres of excellence which include Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, Southampton University Hospital and Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. He has been a Consultant Vitreoretinal surgeon at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital in Dublin and the NHS Royal Liverpool University Hospital before his appointment at University Hospital Waterford in 2014. His surgical expertise encompasses Vitreoretinal surgery and micro-incisional cataract surgery. He has expertise in macular hole surgery, retinal detachment surgery, epiretinal membrane surgery, diabetic eye disease, age-related macular degeneration and treatment of floaters.

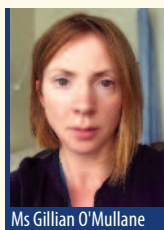
He is the current President of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists.



#### ***Ms Elaine Corrigan***

***Optometrist, Wellington Eye Clinic, Beacon Medical Campus, Dublin.***

Elaine Corrigan joined the Wellington Eye clinic in 2021. She graduated with first class honours in BSc Optometry in Dublin's Institute of Technology in 2016. She completed a postgraduate certificate in Glaucoma, Cataract and Refractive Surgery and Medical Retina through Cardiff University in 2020. She has an interest in the neural adaptation of the visual system and completed a postgraduate course in Eye to Vision through University of Sheffield in 2022.



#### ***Ms Gillian O'Mullane***

***Clinical Specialist Orthoptist, Children's Health Ireland at Temple Street.***

Gillian O'Mullane is a Clinical Specialist Orthoptist at the Children's Hospital Temple Street where she has taken a special interest in electrophysiology of vision. She studied orthoptics at Glasgow Caledonian University and gained a PhD in the study of eye movement control from the University of Liverpool in 2004. Gillian has a general adult private practice and offers orthoptic evaluation for patients pre refractive surgery.



Prof William Power

## **Prof William Power**

*Consultant Ophthalmologist, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, St Vincent's University Hospital and The Blackrock Clinic, Dublin.*

Prof William Power has been a Consultant Ophthalmologist practicing laser eye surgery, cataract and corneal surgery for 30 years. He was appointed assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School and Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (MEEI) in 1995 and appointed Chief of Ophthalmology, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston in 1996. He returned to Dublin in 1998.

Prof Power is a Member Royal College of Physicians, Ireland (MRCPI); Fellow Royal College Surgeons, Glasgow (FRCSGlasg); Fellow Royal College of Ophthalmologists (FRCOphth); and Masters in Surgery (TCD). Professional memberships include the American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, International Society of Refractive Surgeons, European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons and the Irish College of Ophthalmologists.

He is a past president of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists and the current National Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology.



Mr Kevin Kelly

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*National Strategic Partnership Manager, NCBI.*

Kevin Kelly has been blind since September 2001 having lost his sight at the age of fourteen. He holds a degree in Journalism from DCU and has a Masters in Public Affairs & Political Communications from TUD. Kevin has held a number of roles across the Civil Service, Charity Sector, the media and currently is the National Strategic Partnerships Manager with NCBI. He is also a member of the Irish Blind football squad having played for Ireland eight times to date.



Ms Janice Brady

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*Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, University Hospital Waterford.*

Ms Janice Brady is a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon based in Waterford. She graduated from University College Dublin with a First Class honours degree in Medicine and completed her specialist training in Ophthalmic surgery in Ireland. She has sub-specialty fellowships in cataract and refractive surgery, glaucoma and oculoplastics. She currently runs the glaucoma service at University Hospital Waterford. She has been an invited lecturer at national and international meetings and has a particular interest in ophthalmology education and patient empowerment.



## **Kristina Miller**

***National Insights and Impact Manager, NCBI.***

Kristina Miller works at NCBI as the National Insights and Impact Manager. With a background in medical research, over the past six years, Kristina has undertaken roles working within NCBI and Vision Sports Ireland, focusing on research, strategy, and service development based on patient need.



## **Ms Hilary Devlin**

***Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) @ Temple Street & Crumlin Hospitals.  
NCBI Working for People with Sight Loss***

Hilary Devlin is an Eye Clinic Liaison Officer (ECLO) working full time with paediatric patients. She has been in this role for 4 and a half years, has a background in vision impairment and rehabilitation with over 20 years' experience in the field of sight loss.

The ECLO service operates in the following Dublin hospitals: Mater University Hospital, Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, CHI at Temple Street, Crumlin Children's Hospital as well as Cork University Hospital, Cork.

The ECLO provides practical and emotional support to both patients and their families and aims to ensure patients are connected to supports within the community. The ECLO knows that timely access to interventions and support is vital as it maximises coping strategies, adjustment to changes in eye conditions, increases independence and improves quality of life. Early intervention to children with a vision impairment is particularly important to promote overall development. The role of the ECLO allows clinicians time to focus on diagnosis, treatment and medical follow up.



## **Ian McKinley**

***Former Professional Rugby Player.***

Former professional rugby player, Ian McKinley, who lost vision in his left eye as a result of an on-pitch incident in 2010 will share his inspirational story as a keynote speaker at this year's conference.

Through incredible determination and resilience, and the development of special goggles to protect his right eye, Ian returned to the game following the incident, playing for Treviso in Italy and eventually getting the call up for the Italian National team.

After a 10 year career as a professional rugby player, Ian retired from the game in 2021 pursuing a career in rugby coaching.

Since the arrival of the rugby goggles, Ian has continued to be an advocate for protective eye wear in the sport. He has been involved in multiple inclusive projects to do with sport with many different organisations.

Ian is also a motivational speaker, keen to share his story that he describes as not just a sporting story but a life one.



Dr Robert Harper

## **Dr Robert Harper**

***Optometrist Consultant , Manchester Royal Eye Hospital.***

BSc (Hons), MPhil, DPhil, DipGlauc, DipTP(IP) FCOptom

Robert Harper is an Optometrist Consultant at Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, an Honorary Professor of Optometry in the School of Health Sciences at the University of Manchester and a Visiting Professor in Optometry at City, University of London. His role encompasses clinical work, teaching, research, and wider professional matters.

His main areas of clinical and research interest include glaucoma, diagnostic test evaluation, low vision rehabilitation, and evaluation of enhanced schemes within optometry. He has secured external grant funding for numerous projects and authored 90 papers in the peer reviewed scientific literature. In 2015 he was awarded Life Fellowship of the College of Optometrists for his contribution to the optometric profession. In 2017 he was the hospital optometry representative on the NICE guideline committee and he served on the council of the College of Optometrists between 2000-2023.



Dr Margaret Morgan

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***Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist, CHO 7 & Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin.***

Dr Margaret Morgan is a Consultant Medical Ophthalmologist based in Dublin with a clinical commitment in Community Healthcare Organisation 7 and the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital. Dr Morgan has been active in developing and expanding the adult ophthalmology service with particular focus on the glaucoma and cataract patient care pathway between the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital and Community Healthcare Area 7 (CHO 7). Glaucoma assessment clinics have been running in the Community since November 2021.

She led a pilot service for diabetic retinopathy screening and was the first clinical lead for the development and roll-out of the National Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Service in Ireland. She is a member of the Service Development Committee of the Irish College of Ophthalmologists.



Ms Elaine Brennan

## **Ms Elaine Brennan**

***Clinical Nurse Specialist [CNS], Beaumont Hospital, Dublin.***

Ms Elaine Brennan joined the Eye Department in Beaumont Hospital in 2015 and works with Ms Aishling McCourt [CNS]. Elaine qualified as a registered General Nurse at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital in 1988 .After she worked in the middle east and Africa she discovered 'eyes' in 1993.

She returned to the Mater Hospital until her move to Beaumont in 2015.

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## **About the ICO**

The Irish College of Ophthalmologists (ICO) is the recognised training and professional body for medical and surgical eye doctors in Ireland.

The ICO is a registered Irish charity. We are committed to the advancement and improvement of eye health and patient safety and work to protect, enhance and promote the highest standards in the delivery of eye care.

The delivery of healthcare requires a lifelong commitment to learning and the ICO's goal is to provide and support education and learning for ophthalmologists in training, in practice and those who work alongside them as they deliver care to patients.



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