

COUNCILLORS REPORT ON CONFERENCE WHICH THEY ATTENDED

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Organiser of Conference Institute of Professional Training  
Name of Conference Data Protection, FOI and the Councilor -  
Location of Conference Silver Tarnie Hotel Lill, Kerry  
Date of Conference 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Summary of Conference Content

The training explored in detail data protection & freedom of information from an Irish context/perspective. In addition, case studies re data protection explored the role of the ~~Irish~~ Data Commissioner & looked at in detail with various examples of data protection issues and mechanisms available to deal with such complaints, they are highlighted through the legislation etc. Moreover, aspects around legislation amendments discussed. Furthermore, guidance on location data, again FOI act / amendments noted. Subsequently FOI bodies / policies - General detailed. FOI structure explored in detail and processes such as requests, rights, exemptions, and Appeals. Moreover, training provided platform for experiential learning in a conducive setting.

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Organiser of Conference CORRELATION NETWORK

Name of Conference HEPATITIS-C COMMUNITY SUMMIT

Location of Conference AMSTERDAM

Date of Conference 18/19 APRIL 2017

Summary of Conference Content

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN RESEARCH,  
HARM REDUCTION, TREATMENT AND PEOPLE  
LIVING WITH HEPATITIS C.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM 26 COUNTRIES.

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Hepatitis-C Community Summit  
Amsterdam 18/19 April 2017.

This summit gathered together Doctors, nurses, health care experts, support and peer workers from 26 nations.

The purpose was to build a health strategy, for the elimination of Hepatitis C, now that there are direct acting antivirals. One of the biggest problems, is the cost of treatment. There is no co-ordinated cost evaluation between nations and the price can vary by many thousands of Euro per treatment.

The first part of the summit, was delivery of reports from several countries, on testing, support, treatment and efforts to make communities more aware of Hepatitis C. Outlining the effect on those infected, the stigma surrounding it, support being provided, garnering financial support from governments and ultimately the success of new treatment. But on the whole, the overall opinion is that all should receive treatment and not so selective, as is the case in some countries.

The following day was split into various sessions, about personal experiences with Hepatitis C. These were delivered by doctors involved in research, nurses who were delivering support and treatment, Support and Peer workers involved in testing in communities and providing education.



Also many infected with Hepatitis C, how it had affected them, various treatments they had gone through and how eventually treatment was delivered.

Myself and Billie, from GOSH in Limerick, delivered a talk on Peer and Interagency Support Initiatives. Telling of our own experiences, our testing network, agencies involved, along with peer support work given to those infected.

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Organiser of Conference: Celtic Conferences

Name of Conference: The Local Authority Waters and Communities Office  
LAWCO'

Location of Conference: Clonakilty, Co. Cork

Date of Conference: 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> June, 2017

### Summary of Conference Content

Discussion on Water Framework Directive (WFD)

Legal framework to protect and restore clean water and to ensure its long-term, sustainable use.

The preparation of River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs)

Presentation on the establishment of LAWCO, Regional Structure and Operational Structure

European Union (Water Policy) Regulations 2014

Three tier governance framework

- New obligations on Local Authorities in coordinating the catchment management and public participation elements of the Water Framework Directive.
- Regional coordination, public participation, and support to the EPA and Minister in the development and implementation of River Basin Management Plans (RBMPs) and Programmes of Measures (POMs).
- Establishment of Regional Water Framework Directive Offices to deliver on these obligations.

Governance Framework (Presentation)

Three Tier Framework: Water Policy Advisory Committee, EPA and LAWCO

LAWCO Structure

Sampling Programme, Operational and surveillance monitoring Rivers and lakes

Workshops and Training



Discussion on the Role of LAWCO

To promote knowledge sharing and coordination in implementing RBMPs and POMs by local authorities, public authorities, sectoral interests and community groups

To coordinate/undertake statutorily required public consultation in development of the RBMPs and POMs on behalf of the Minister and a public awareness campaign in water resources management

To seek consistency of RBMP implementation across agencies

To assist the Minister and the EPA and work collaboratively with local authorities in the development of RBMPs and POMs

To mobilise and support engagement of voluntary and community groups in protecting our natural waters.

To foster linkages with industry and agricultural sectors

To develop linkages with local sectoral representative organisations such as Chamber(s) of Commerce, county level IFA, angling groups, tidy towns.

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