



Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland  
National Midwifery Conference 22 November 2018

# 100 YEARS OF REGULATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF MIDWIFERY IN IRELAND



Thomas Prior Room, Clayton Hotel, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4

Wi-Fi: Clayton Guest Wi-Fi

08.30 **Registration**  
09.00 **Welcome and Opening of Conference**  
*President of NMBI - Essene Cassidy*

History and Regulation - Chair - Essene Cassidy - *President of NMBI*

09.10 **Midwifery Practice in Ireland for the last 100 years**  
Key Note Speaker: **Breedagh Hughes** - *RCM N Ireland Regional Officer (retired)*

09.40 **What is good regulation of a profession**  
*Ursula Byrne - Director of Regulation, NMBI*

10.00 **A lawyer's view on Midwifery Regulation**  
*Ciara McGoldrick - Adjunct Prof School of Law and Barrister, UCD*

10.20 **Resilience and Professional Wellbeing**  
*Jenny Bulbulia - Barrister and PhD candidate, School of Psychology, TCD*

10.40 **Q and A**

10.50 **Refreshments, Networking & Poster Viewing**

Development of the Profession - Chair - Cathriona Molloy - *Independent Advocate, Midwives Committee Member, NMBI*

11.15 **The Politics of Midwifery Regulation in Ireland: the background to the abolition of the Central Midwives Board for Ireland**  
*Anne Matthews - Professor, School of Nursing & Human Sciences, Dublin City University*

11.35 **Women's views and experiences of having their mental health needs considered in the perinatal period**  
*Ursula Nagle - CMS Perinatal Mental Health, Rotunda Hospital, Dublin*

11.55 **The SUPERB Project: identifying interventions to support breastfeeding in the Mid-West Region**  
*Maria Noonan - Lecturer UL and Margaret Hynes - CMS University Hospital Limerick*

12.15 **Ireland in the 21st Century: Are Neonatal units providing culturally sensitive care to infants born to parents from the Traveller Community? Nurses and Midwives perspectives**  
*Irene Beirne - cRANP, University Maternity Hospital Limerick*

12.35 **Q and A**

12.45 **Lunch, Networking & Poster Viewing**

Moving Forward - Chair - Dawn M. Johnston - *Interim CEO (Director of Midwifery), NMBI*

13.45 **Driving Forward the Midwives Role**  
Key Note Speaker: **Dr Sally Pairman** - *CEO, International Confederation of Midwives*

14.30 **Q and A**

Panel Discussion - Chair - Kathy Sheridan - *Journalist, Irish Times*

14.45 **Dr Cliona Murphy** - *Obstetrician/President of Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists*  
**Niamh Healy** - *Antenatal Educator & Tutor from Cuidiú - Spokesperson for Bump2Babe The Consumer Guide to the Maternity Services in Ireland*  
**Angela Dunne** - *Director of Midwifery, Women and Infants Programme, HSE*  
**Patricia Hughes** - *Independent Midwifery/Nursing Consultant - MNE*

15:30 **Refreshments, Networking & Poster Viewing**

The Next 100 years - Chair - Denise Lawlor - *Chair of Midwives Committee, NMBI*

15.45 **Student Reflections** - *A 4th year student from each of the 6 HEIs providing Midwifery Education in Ireland are asked to reflect, following their experience to date, on the future as they see it for Midwifery Services in Ireland*

16.15 **The next 100 years of Midwifery in Ireland**  
Key Note Speaker: **Professor Cecily Begley** - *Professor of Midwifery, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Trinity College Dublin*

17.00 – 17.30 Poster winners announced and conference close by **Minister for Health, Mr Simon Harris TD**