

Our Mission

“To promote and protect the rights, freedoms and dignity of older people by developing support and advocacy services wherever ageing poses a challenge for individuals.”

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Support & Advocacy Service
for Older People

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Quality Standards for Support and Advocacy
Work with Older People

National Conference

Friday October 16th, 10:00am – 4:30pm

Croke Park Conference Centre, Dublin

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Background

A decade after an RTE report on Leas Cross (May 2005) support and advocacy services for older people are now being developed, on an incremental basis and in all care settings, through Sage – Support & Advocacy Service for Older People. This is being done with the support of the HSE and The Atlantic Philanthropies under the governance of Third Age. The first meeting of the National Advisory Committee of Sage in September 2014 committed itself to the development of Quality Standards for Support and Advocacy Work with Older People through a process of stakeholder and public consultation. This conference will formally launch and explain these Quality Standards and provide an opportunity to hear from key figures at national and European level.

The need for independent advocacy services in nursing homes is indicated in regulations arising from the Health Act of 2007 and in HIQA's National Standards for Residential Care Settings for Older People in Ireland. Programmes by RTE have highlighted a need for independent advocacy for older people receiving unregulated care in the community (2010) and for people with intellectual disabilities living in 'congregated settings' (2014). The need for independent advocacy services for patients in hospitals has been highlighted in reports from HIQA and the Ombudsman published in May 2015.

This conference will be of interest if you are:

- Supporting or advocating for older people whether in a personal or professional capacity.
 - Providing services for older people and playing a role in advocating on their behalf.
 - An independent advocate working on individual or systemic issues.
 - A health or social care professional working with older people
 - A solicitor, barrister or financial adviser dealing with some of the challenges facing older people.
 - Involved in a voluntary, community or partnership development initiative related to older people.
 - Involved in an NGO concerned with human rights and the rights of older people.
 - Responsible for complaints and investigations in health and social care services.
 - An economic and / or social policy researcher.
- It is also an opportunity for learning through participation in a choice of workshops (CPD) with certified attendance.**

Royal College of Physicians Ireland	5 credits
Irish Council for General Practitioners	Pending
Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland	Pending
CORU Health & Social Care Professionals Council	Certificate of Attendance provided
Law Society of Ireland	Certificate of Attendance provided

Agenda

8:00-9:55	Registration	Chair: Mr. Justice Nicholas Kearns, President of the High Court
	Chair: Dr Philip Crowley, National Director Quality Improvement Division HSE	14:00 Keynote Address: Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Legislation Patricia Rickard-Clarke, Chair, National Advisory Committee Sage & former Law Reform Commissioner
10:00	Welcome address Áine Brady, CEO, Third Age	
10:10	Official Opening Minister for Health Leo Varadkar	
10:30	Quality Standards – what are they and why do we need them? Dr Michael Browne. Researcher and Project Lead on Quality Standards	14:30 Workshops Understanding capacity & how to enhance it Leader: Mary Condell. Coordinator Sage Legal & Financial Group Non Instructed Advocacy Leader: Eleanor Edmonds. Advocacy Trainer and Consultant. Training & Support in Advocacy Leader: Michelle Rooney. Education, Training & Support Coordinator, Sage Longterm Care – future options Leader: Anne-Marie McGauran. NESC Elder Abuse Leader: Dr Amanda Phelan. National Centre for Protection of Older People
11:00	Keynote Address: An Irish Initiative – A European Perspective Emily O'Reilly. European Ombudsman	
11:30	Refreshment Break	
11:50	Support & Advocacy for Older Citizens – Some Perspectives Ita Mangan, Chair, Citizens Information Board Peter Tyndall. Ombudsman. Jerry Buttimer, TD, Chairperson, Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health and Children	
12:30	Discussion	15:40 Feedback
12:45	Lunch	16:00 Discussion
		16:15 Closing Remarks Mervyn Taylor. Manager Sage
		16:30 Graduation Ceremony Presentation of certificates to graduates of Sage Training Programmes

Workshops

Delegates can choose to attend one of the following workshops. Your order of preference can be indicated upon registration

- Understanding capacity & how to enhance it
- Non Instructed Advocacy
- Training & Support in Advocacy
- Longterm Care – future options
- Elder Abuse

Registration

Register :
www.sagenationalconference2015.eventbrite.ie

Cost:
€25 per person. *As this is already a heavily subsidised rate a group discount is not available*

Closing date:
Friday 2nd October

Further information:
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