

Inclusion Health Service St James' Hospital: Physiotherapy students shortlisted for Student Project of the Year -Irish HealthCare Awards

The Inclusion Health Service at St James's Hospital is one of the first of its kind in the world. A multidisciplinary service lead by Dr. Clíona Ní Cheallaigh that recognises the complex medical and psychosocial needs of patients. The service aims to combat health inequalities experienced by the homeless and other marginalised communities.

A Physiotherapy Inclusion Health undergraduate placement was introduced under the efforts of Dr Julie Broderick in the School of Physiotherapy and educators Alice Waugh and Mark McGowan in the Department of Physiotherapy in St James Hospital. Students (Sofia Hodalova & SORCHA Feehan) completed a four-week pilot placement, delivering Physiotherapy services to inpatients, outpatients and the local catchment area of St James. Services provided include a falls prevention class in a long-term hostel and Simons Community Wellness Centre Musculoskeletal outpatient's clinic. For their work the students have been commended for Student Project of the Year for the Irish Healthcare Awards that took place on the 20th of November.