

Dr Sarah Barry to take over as Director of the Centre for Health Policy and Management in 2021

Dr Sarah Barry, PhD, MA, BD, Bacc Phil is Assistant Professor of Health Services Management at the Centre for Health Policy and Management and Co-Director (from January 2021) of the HRB-funded national SPHeRE PhD Programme. She is also currently the Course Director of the MSc in Health Services Management.

With an early career background in overseas development and facilitation, and a research focus on change in complex systems, Sarah's work on organisational and systems transformation incorporates mixed methods from policy analysis, design thinking and organisation science.

Sarah contributes to the health systems reform agenda particularly through her work on integrated care - its modelling and mechanisms. Working with decision makers and practitioners throughout the health and social care system she aims to empower actors by understanding the production and uses of knowledge - locally and at systemic levels.

In this vein Sarah is involved in various research projects including Health system foundations for Sláintecare implementation in 2020 and beyond – co-producing a Sláintecare Living Implementation Framework with Evaluation: Learning from the Irish health system's response to COVID-19, Independent Evaluation of Primary Care Learning Sites for Health Service Executive - Implementation of Community Healthcare Networks, Safety Culture Implementation for the Health Service Executive, Understanding Change in Complex Health Systems – A review of the literature 2007-2017, Pathways to Universal Health Care in Ireland and the Resilience of the Irish Health System in the face of Economic Crisis. Sarah was a member of the Trinity Technical Team that supported the Oireachtas All-Party Committee as it developed and delivered the Future of Healthcare - Sláintecare Report in 2017.

Sarah looks forward to building on the work of the previous Centre Directors and in collaboration with the whole Centre Team to continue strengthening our research profile, developing, and renewing our high-quality MSc and PhD education, and making a positive impact in the coming years for our Society, our College and the School of Medicine.