After the Review: What Next for Irish Abortion Services?
27 October 2023

9.00-9.10 Opening by Conference Organisers

9.10-9.30 Welcome by Provost Linda Doyle

9.30 – 11.10 Panel 1 - Critical Perspective on Irish Law Regulating Abortion

Chair: Dr Rebecca Smyth

Dr Ruth Fletcher, Queen Mary University of London
“Legal Standards of Time and Timeliness for Improving Abortion Care”

Prof Sheelagh McGuinness, University of Bristol
“Turning my miscarriage into an abortion - The nexus between legal standards and clinical practice”

Prof Mairead Enright, University of Birmingham
“Irish Abortion Law: Constitutional Arguments for Liberalisation”

9.30 - 11.10 Panel 2 - Providers

Chair: Dr Catherine Conlon

Alison Spillane, Irish Family Planning Association
“How many abortions and who really cares? Exploring the role of statistics in abortion discourse"

Dr Sara Leitao, Cork University Maternity Hospital and University College Cork, Dr Eimear O’Saughnessy, Dr Indra San Lazaro Campillo, Prof Keelin O’Donoghue
“Healthcare professionals and students’ knowledge on termination of pregnancy legislation and clinical practice: A systematic review”

Prof Mary Donnelly, University College Cork, and Dr Claire Murray, University College Cork
“Providing Abortion Care: Navigating the Legal Framework”

11.10- 11.30 Coffee

11.30- 1.10 Panel 3 - Abortion Care Under Section 11

Chair: Prof Sheelagh McGuinness

Peter Jackson, Dr Rebecca Dennehy, Dr Stacey Power-Walsh, Prof Keelin O’Donoghue, University College Cork and Cork University Maternity Hospital
“Fatal fetal anomaly: exploring experiences of women and their partners”

Dr Suzie Heaney, ARC Antenatal Results and Choices, Prof Mark Tomlinson, Dr Áine Aventin
“TFMR healthcare: A qualitative study of parents’ experiences”

Dr Hadas Miremberg, Dr Oladayo Oduola, Prof John J. Morrison, Prof Keelin O’Donoghue, University College Cork and Cork University Maternity Hospital
11.30 - 1.10  Panel 4 - Abortion Care Under Section 12

Chair: Dr Deirdre Duffy

Dr Mary Favier, Doctors for Choice Ireland; Global Doctors For Choice; Start Providers Group
“Abortion provision in Ireland - implementation and advocacy - an Irish and international perspective.”

Dr Aideen O’Shaughnessy, University of Lincoln, Dr Lorraine Grimes, Dr Anna Carnegie, Dr Rachel Roth
“Evidence-Based Abortion Activism - A Case Study of First-Trimester Hospital-Based Abortion Experiences in Ireland”

Dr Katie L Togher, University College Cork, Dr Sara Leitao, Prof Keelin O’Donoghue, Dr Deirdre Hayes-Ryan
“Termination of Early Pregnancy in Ireland: review of the first three years of inpatient service at a tertiary maternity unit”

1.10- 2.15  Lunch

2.15- 4.00  Panel 5 - Intersectional Perspectives on Abortion Regulation and Provision in Ireland

Chair: Dr Aideen O’Shaughnessy

Prof Katherine Side, Memorial University
“Bordering Reforms: Leaving Reproductive Justice Behind for International Protection Seekers”

Dr Dyuti Chakravarty, University College Cork, Prof Joanna Mishtal, Dr Lorraine Grimes, Karli Reeves, Dr Bianca Stifani, Dr Deirdre Duffy, Dr Mark Murphy, Dr Mary Favier, Dr Patricia Horgan, Dr Wendy Chavkin, Dr Antonella Lavelanet
“Restrictive Points of Entry into Abortion Care in Ireland: A Qualitative Study of Expectations and Experiences with the Service”

Dr Lorraine Grimes, Maynooth University and Dr Clare Lanigan, Digital Repository of Ireland
“Digital Preservation of Reproductive Health Resources: Archiving Reproductive Health”

2.15- 4.00  Panel 6 - Conceptualising Reproductive Rights and Regulation

Chair: Dr Kate Antosik-Parsons

Dr Rebecca Smyth, Birmingham City University
“Reproductive Citizenship”

Emma Campbell, University of Ulster, Dr Kate Antosik-Parsons, Dr Catherine Conlon, Dr Fiona Bloomer
“Conceptualising Reproductive Citizenship Through Abortion Regulation and Experiences on the Island of Ireland”

Charlotte Waltz, University College Cork
“Ethnographic fiction as feminist critique of post-legalization abortion governance in Ireland”

Kathryn Ammon, Trinity College Dublin
“It Wasn’t Just About Me: Evaluating Novel Stigma Resistance Strategies in the Irish Post-Repeal Context”

4.00-4.15 Coffee

4.15-5.15 Plenary Session

Chair: Prof Mary Donnelly

Dr Catherine Conlon, Trinity College Dublin, Dr Kate Antosik-Parsons & Dr Éadaoin Butler
“Reflection on Findings from Service User Research Strand Informing Review”

Dr Deirdre Duffy, Lancaster University & Dr Lorraine Grimes
“Reflection on Findings from Service Provider Research Strand Informing Review”

Respondent: Prof Máiréad Enright, University of Birmingham

5.15-6.00 Plenary Discussion Chair: Prof Mary Donnelly

Closing Conference Organisers