



Project ECHO® NI Newsletter

"Collaboration is at the heart of Project Echo"

Dr Sanjeev Aroroa, MD, founder of Project ECHO

Everyone a Teacher
Everyone a Learner



Project ECHO NI Covid-19 Response

Here at Project ECHO NI we are working across our health and social care system in Northern Ireland to support staff through the C-19 pandemic.

Using virtual technology, Project ECHO NI has been able to provide a safe virtual space for education, training, sharing best practice, and supporting staff working in highly pressured and challenging situations.



Project ECHO NI is supporting lots of sectors including nursing homes, residential homes and care at home staff. See our full list of networks on the back page or on our website.

*"We could not have got through the worst of the pandemic without our ECHO network. We continue to feel much supported by your entire team and are very grateful for this."
... a care home lead*

Nursing Consultant, Gary Cousins says:

"ECHO has provided a platform to engage with Care Homes on a large scale through the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been able to facilitate education sessions for large volumes of colleagues that would have been unachievable through traditional face to face methods. PHA have been able to complement the ECHO sessions being delivered in local Trust areas with Regional sessions relevant to those across all Trust areas."

See a list of our live networks over the page and hear about our Social Prescribing ECHO including some thoughts from Les Drew - Chair of the Health & Social Care Board

"I was genuinely encouraged by what has been achieved in the last months and the important role that this group will clearly play within the NI and ROI communities in helping to address the challenges of the future."
Les Drew - Chair,
Health & Social Care Board

Social Prescribing ECHO

Social prescribing is a means of supporting people's health and wellbeing in a holistic way. GPs and other frontline healthcare professionals can refer patients to social prescribing link workers who can work with them to find solutions which will improve their health and wellbeing, often using services provided by the voluntary and community sector.

The Project ECHO network supports social prescribing link workers from across Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland to connect via videoconferencing on a regular basis to share

their best practice and to learn together.

Since October 2019, the Social Prescribing ECHO network has held monthly learning sessions and has included link workers from a range of social prescribing services including;

- SPRING Social prescribing
- Belfast Connected Communities
- mPower
- IMPACT Agewell – in Mid and East Antrim
- Living Well Moyle

Through these sessions staff have adapted services in order to continue to offer vital support to people during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Social prescribing recognises that by collectively working together, health care professionals and their community and voluntary partners can help individuals take greater control in improving their own health and wellbeing.

Live Networks

- Atrial Fibrillation
- Care Homes Southern Trust
- Care Homes Western Trust
- Care Homes Northern Trust
- Care Homes South Eastern Trust
- Community Pharmacy
- Diabetes – Belfast Trust
- Family Nursing Partnerships
- HSCQI – Learning Systems
- Neighbourhood District Nursing
- No More Silos – Western Trust
- Northern Ireland Social Care Council
- Nursing Homes Belfast Trust
- Optometry/Ophthalmology (Glaucoma)
- Palliative Paediatrics
- PHA - Care Homes and Domiciliary Care C-19
- Positive Behaviour Support
- Social Prescribing
- South West Acute Hospital - Primary/Secondary Interface
- Southern Federation GP Education - Primary/Secondary Interface
- Working Safely – Western Trust



New Networks

- mPower
- Towards Zero Suicide

If you are interested in starting an ECHO network, please contact Áine McMullan:
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on our journey so far

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