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Welcome to the July 2025 edition of our newsletter.

I hope you and your loved ones are enjoying the summer and getting out and about. There are numerous activities on offer around the country which would suit our clients and their families.

Lots of exciting things have been happening here at MCS Case Management since our last newsletter in December 2024.

We continue to expand our team to meet the growing demand for our services.

We have launched a new website, and I would urge you to take the time to look at it as it is very informative.



Our case managers are kept very busy travelling around the country, meeting our wonderful clients and their families who face multiple challenges daily with great courage, hope and resilience.

There is a growing demand for our nursing expert report services.

We continue to participate in numerous study days and masterclasses which keep us fully informed and updated in relation to ongoing developments in the disability sector, the healthcare sector generally, and the medico-legal arena.

In February 2025, the MCS team exhibited a poster/project at the 'RCSI Annual International Nursing & Midwifery Research & Education Conference' which was held in Dublin. The poster presentation, which was "Highly Recommended" by the Adjudicating Panel, was entitled 'Positive effects of an intensive multidisciplinary intervention six years after traumatic brain injury: A case study of an Irish case managers experience'.

One of the most exciting things for me personally was meeting Nick Santonastasso at the Pendulum Summit which was held in the Dublin Convention Centre in January 2025. Nick was born with Hanhart Syndrome, a rare genetic condition that left him with no legs and one arm. Nick defied all odds to become a bodybuilder, fitness model, and social media sensation. Nick shared with us his extraordinary journey of resilience, adaptability and personal growth, offering inspiration for overcoming challenges and achieving the impossible.

Warmest wishes,

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Siobhan McSweeney CEO MCS Case Management

MCS NEWS

Siobhan recently attended the **RCSI Annual International** Nursing & Midwifery Research & Education Conference which took place in Dublin in February 2025. Siobhan exhibited a poster at the conference on the 'Positive effects of an intensive multidisciplinary intervention six years after traumatic brain injury: A case study of an Irish case managers experience', which was 'Highly Recommended'.



Siobhan with Professor Mary Rose Sweeney (RCSI **Executive Vice Dean for Education)**



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Monday, 3 March 2025

Siobhan McSweeney MCS Case Management Saint Joan's House St Joan's Industrial Estate

Dear Siobhan, I hope this letter finds you well and that you enjoyed our conference last week.

I wanted to write to acknowledge the commendation of our adjudicating panel of 'highly recommended' for your poster titled 'Positive effects of an intensive multidisciplinary intervention six years after traumatic brain injury: A case study of an Irish case managers experience.'

Let me take this opportunity to wish you every continued success with the work that you do and to thank you once again for presenting this at our Annual International Nursing and Midwifery Research and Education Conference.

Kind regards

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Dr Mary Boyd

Certificate of 'Highly Recommended' by the adjudicating panel at the RCSI.



Siobhan networking with Case
Managers from across Ireland at
the MCS offices, discussing
regulations and sharing
information. All Ireland CaseManagement, click the link to view
website

https://www.allirelandcasemanagement.com/.

MCS Director and Case
Manager, Marie Claire Foley,
attended the Garden Party in
June 2025 at Áras an
Uachtaráin with a client. She
described it as "a truly
memorable day, with an
inspiring gathering of people
from all walks of life,
celebrating community, culture,
and the shared values that
make Ireland so special".



CONTINUING EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT

We are mindful of the need to keep abreast of new developments and to continuously advance our education and knowledge.

Pendulum Summit at the Dublin Convention Centre on 8th & 9th January 2025.



Nick Santonastasso (Keynote Speaker) and Lisa Smith (Head of People at Resilience Healthcare) with Siobhan

On 3rd April 2025, Siobhan was a keynote speaker at HF Ireland's Inaugural Catastrophic Injuries Conference at the Stock Exchange in Dublin. Siobhan spoke of the merits of early rehabilitation and case management in catastrophic injuries. Jamie and Pam Murant gave inspiring, thought-provoking presentations, and received a standing ovation from the delegates. They spoke of their experience in relation to Jamie's accident, its aftermath, the affects it had on Jamie and his family, the positive and negative aspects of the legal process and Jamie's ongoing journey to recovery.





The MCS Team

L to R: Martin Browne (HF Ireland), Siobhan McSweeney, Pam Murant, Jamie Murant, Judge Michael Peart, James Northridge and Gary Stakem.

On 17th & 18thJune, the MCS Case Management team attended the BABICM (British Association of Brain Injury & Complex Case Management) Conference. The conference brought together professionals working across brain injury and complex case management.

With a focus on innovation, collaboration, and practical solutions, the sessions explored a wide range of key issues in our sector which ranged from clinical developments and legal frameworks to ethical decision-making and personcentred rehabilitation.

The conference theme, The Power of Possibility, resonated deeply with our team. It reminded us of the importance of staying open to new approaches, embracing challenges, and continually advancing our knowledge to better support those with

complex needs.



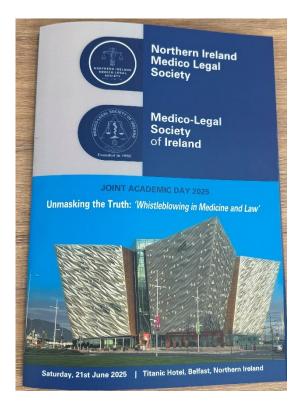
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Everything, Everywhere,

On 21st June 2025, the Medico Legal Society of Ireland partnered with colleagues in the Northern Ireland Medico Legal Society to host their first joint cross-border conference (Academic Day) which was held at the Titanic Hotel, Belfast. The theme of the conference was 'Unmasking the Truth: Whistleblowing in Medicine and Law'. The line-up of distinguished speakers included the Lady Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and Mr. Justice Peter Kelly, President of the High Court of Ireland (Retired). Siobhan & Ann O'Driscoll attended the conference.



Ann O'Driscoll (MCS Consultant & Retired Solicitor) with Siobhan.



Joint Academic Day 2025 Programme

Siobhan and Mary Nevin, Professor of Nursing at Dublin City University, attended the Expert Witness Masterclass organised by the Expert Witness Site (TEWS) on 27th June. Founders Evanna Fitzgerald (BL), and Mark Tottenham (BL). Link to website: https://expertwitnesssite.com/.

ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to our team:

Nursing Consultant - Mary Nevin

Mary is an Assistant Professor of Nursing and lecturer in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health in DCU. She has joined the team at MCS as a Nursing Consultant.

Medico-Legal Executive - Lesley Wall

Lesley joined MCS Case Management in April 2025 and she will specialise in the review and completion of our medico-legal reports. Lesley is a highly experienced Legal Executive, bringing with her over 28 years' experience in the legal sector, most particularly in the areas of personal injury and medical negligence litigation. We are delighted to welcome Lesley to MCS, and we look forward to the valuable contribution she will bring to our team.

IRISH SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS



Cerebral Palsy Care in Ireland https://www.yourcpf.org/ireland/.





An Saol Foundation http://ansaol.ie/.



The Rainbow Club https://www.rainbowclub.ie/autistic-baker/.

SparkAbility, Sensory Friendly Community Outlets https://sparkability.ie/.





Spinal Injuries Ireland https://spinalinjuries.ie/.

Make-A-Wish transforming lives, one wish at a time https://makeawish.ie/. Make-A-Wish transforming lives, one wish at a time





AsIAm Irelands Autism Charity https://asiam.ie/.



Acquired Brain Injury Ireland <u>Acquired Brain Injury</u> <u>Ireland - Brain Injury Support & Services</u>.

SOME USEFUL RESOURCES AND SERVICES FOR OUR CLIENTS

'Inspire Together': A safe sensory & movement space for families to connect, learn & grow. https://inspiretogether.ie/. Instagram: inspire_together.ie. Located in the MCS HQ in Ballymount.



Play Therapy with Dayna: Dedicated to helping children heal and thrive through play. https://playtherapywithdayna.com/ Instagram: playtherapywithdayna. Located at the MCS HQ in Ballymount.



Wheel the World: Accessible travel blog: Wheel the World Blog https://blog.wheeltheworld.com



Inclusive Camp at Sport Ireland Campus: 14th – 18th of July, 28th July – 1st August, 5th – 8th August, 11th –14th August, 18th – 21st August https://www.sportirelandcampus.ie/kids/kids-camps. For aged 6-14.



Regional Equine Therapy Hub: https://www.stewartscare.ie/our-services/equine-therapy/ an equine assisted therapeutic service for children and adults with autism, intellectual and physical disabilities in Meath, Dublin and Kildare.

Reading Recommendations:

'Closer to walking again', by Ciaran McCarthy.

B&SI Brain & Spinal Injury Handbook 2025/2026 Edition

Insight Case Management Magazine, June 2025 / Issue 06



