

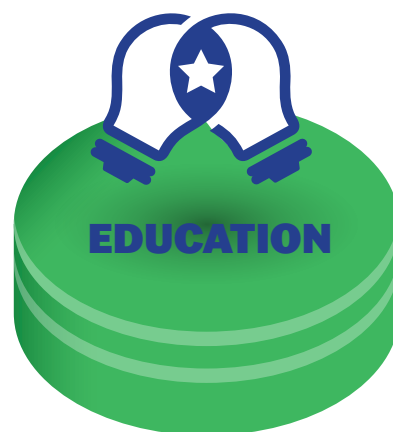


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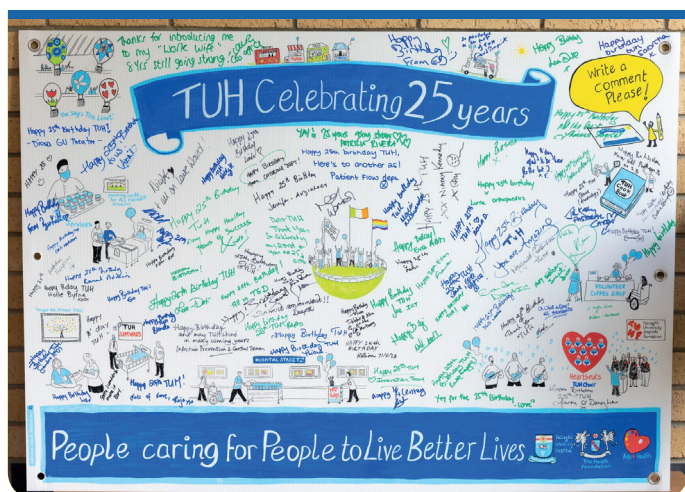
NEWSLETTER 2023

2023 HIGHLIGHTS!

It's been a productive and enjoyable year for the foundation, with many high points. We have delivered a number of projects in line with our 2022 – 2025 strategy, and our focus remains on the 3 pillars of Community, Research and Education.



TALLAGHT UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL REACHES A QUARTER OF A CENTURY!



It's been a big year for Tallaght University Hospital as it celebrates its 25th Anniversary!

A programme of projects and events have been delivered to mark the occasion and to pay tribute to the lifeblood of the Hospital - its staff. We have been happy to share in the celebration of such a

significant milestone for the hospital, its staff and the community it serves.

Many of you reading will remember the challenges of those early days. The Adelaide Health Foundation have been alongside TUH on the 25 year journey, and we look forward to continued collaboration.



IMPROVING HEALTHCARE IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

There was a huge response to our call for applications for the 2023 Community Health Grants scheme. Two of the 11 projects awarded funding are described below, each highlighting very different yet very significant impacts on the local community.



JOBSTOWN ASSISTING DRUG DEPENDENCY - JADD PROJECT

The prevalence of cocaine and crack cocaine use has significantly increased in the Tallaght area. Due to increased demand for services, JADD applied to AHF for funding to increase assertive outreach services from 3 to 5 sessions per week.

AHF funding supported JADD to engage with an additional 84 individuals. Many of these individuals are not engaged in healthcare services and many are homeless, often sleeping in tents around Jobstown, Citywest, The Square and the Tallaght Village Area.



Thankfully, as a result of the improved outreach from AHF funding, JADD applied for and

have been awarded additional HSE funding to increase service provision.



Gary McEnroe, James Duggan, Niamh Fortune, Anya Stickland, Catherina O'Grady, Barry Kavanagh Susan Murray

DOORS TO ELSEWHERE

An inclusive theatre ensemble for adults with disabilities and a Tallaght Community Arts initiative. Their 2023 **Café Visionaire** performance outlines the journey of employment that many of the Doors to Elsewhere performers have experienced - their experiences of unpaid work, their desire for fair and equal pay, and their drive to be recognised as the creative artists that they are.

DELIVERING ACTIONABLE HEALTHCARE RESEARCH

There have been two significant research updates in 2023.

- We have recently received the recommendations of the AHF commissioned review of Genetic Testing and Counselling Services in Ireland.
- We are delighted to partner with the HSE as co-funder of 2024 HANA project in Tallaght.



RESEARCH

GENETICS TESTING AND COUNSELLING PROJECT - As anticipated, there is a natural tie-in with the National Genetics and Genomics Strategy driven by Chief Clinical Officer Colm Henry's office. We are in discussion with the NGGO team about improving Ireland's Genetic Testing and Counselling Service by linking AHF project recommendations and resources with national strategy recommendations.

HANA 2024

2024 will mark ten years since the Health Assets and Needs Assessment [HANA] project was delivered in Tallaght. We are happy to co-fund the next iteration with the HSE, working with TCD's Institute of Population Health, TUH, SDCC and community representatives.

A communications strategy is currently being developed which will highlight the benefits of the previous study and promote community engagement with 2024 project.



Members of AHF team with CHI/UCD researchers

TO AHF'S FABULOUS BOARD - THANK YOU!

We are very lucky to have an interested, active and committed team who support delivery of AHF strategy through a range of projects and funding schemes.

AHF Chair, Catherine Mac Daid, is supported by Rory

Brownlee, Bernadette Conolly, Marie Louise Delahunty, Peter Fitzpatrick, Stephen Franck, Sinéad Keavey, David Moore, Triona Murphy, Tadhg Ó'Cróinín and Lesley Williams. CEO Niamh Gavin supports the Board.

We are also grateful to Peter Kemp, Hugh Sullivan and Maev-Ann Wren who support our work in an advisory capacity, and we are ably represented on TUH Board by Mark Varian and on TUHF by Lillian McGovern.



AHF MISSION

Through support of education and research, to advance and promote equitable access to healthcare services in Ireland, with a particular focus on Tallaght University Hospital and the community it serves.

SUPPORTING ACCESS TO EDUCATION FOR HEALTHCARE STUDENTS AND STAFF

EXPANSION OF AHF BURSARY SCHEME



We have recently announced a record number of nursing bursaries for the 2023/24 academic year, and 67 TUH nursing students will receive financial assistance from the Adelaide Health Foundation totalling €229k over the coming months.

AHF **Standard** bursary has been provided since the introduction of the nursing degree in 2002, and a separate bursary for **Mature** entrants was introduced last year.

This move has been supported by DFHERIS Minister Simon

Harris, who has approved **AHF Mature Bursary** as non-reckonable income for SUSI.

This is hugely significant in recognising and supporting those who give up a career and an income to study nursing for 4 years, and we are delighted

to see the number of mature bursary applicants double to 28 in 2023.

The Adelaide Health Foundation are extremely supportive of TUH efforts to attract and retain nurses, and we sought an additional 5 places for mature nursing students who have been welcomed into the TUH nursing family.

NEW TEAM MEMBER



Victoria Boughton, pictured here with Niamh Gavin [CEO] and Esther Nyambura [Administrator] has joined the team as Research Project Manager.



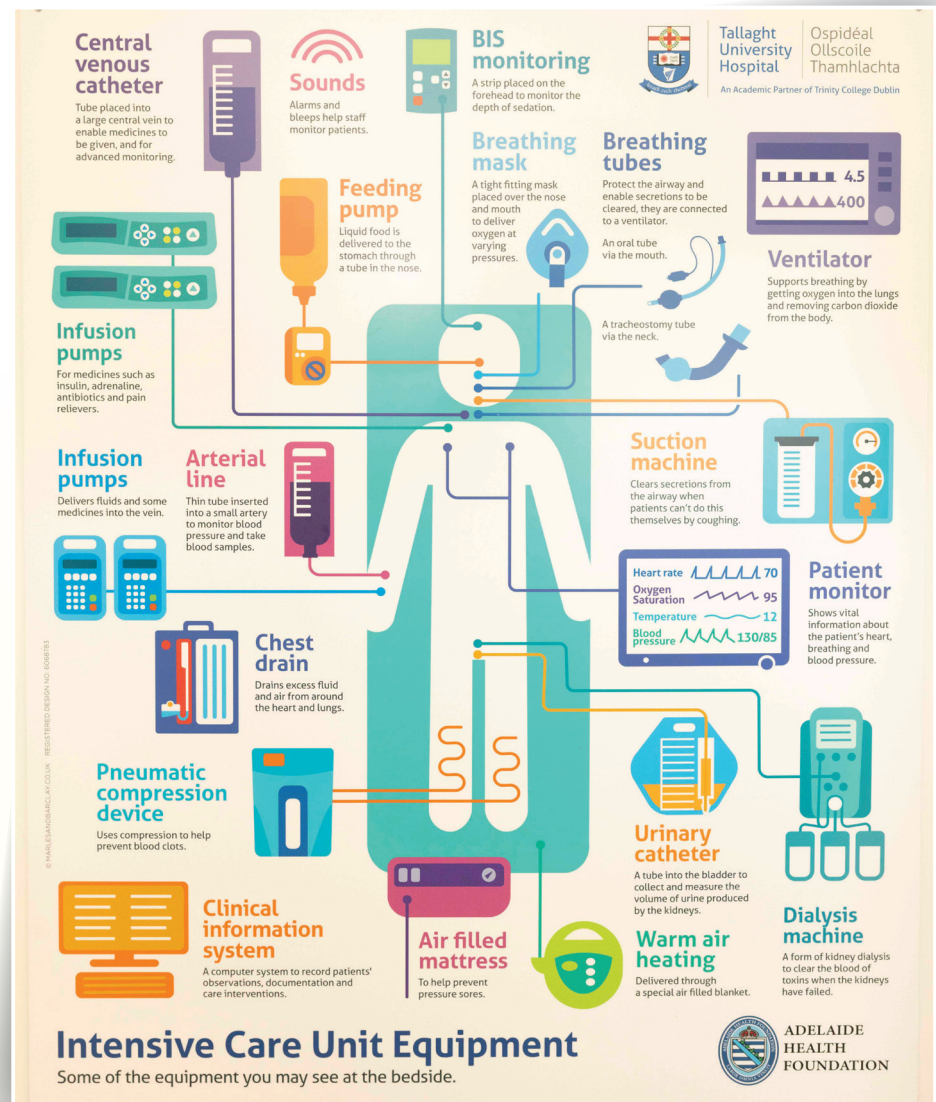
CEO Niamh Gavin with Minister Harris at Higher Options 2023

SUPPORTING INNOVATION IN TUH

We were delighted to partner with TUH's innovation team, Innovate Health on the **New Initiatives Scheme**.

The scheme provides seed funding for new initiatives in Tallaght University Hospital that improve the patient experience. It focusses on innovation in areas such as patient comfort, staff experience, efficiencies in services for patients and new technologies.

Dr. Melanie Ryberg's funding application for an accessible jargon free infographic (a special poster with graphics) in the waiting area of the new ICU was successful. Its purpose is to help families familiarise themselves with the ICU equipment being used at a loved one's bedside, to demystify the very clinical and often daunting nature of ICU.



THE ADELAIDE SIMULATION SUITE

The Adelaide Health Foundation have committed €2m to fund equipment for a Simulation Suite in TUH.

Simulation-based education (SBE) allows for acquisition and maintenance of clinical skills by facilitating deliberate practice in a safe, educationally orientated environment that reflects the real clinical environment. Learners acquire new knowledge and skills by directly participating and/or directly observing simulated scenarios. The project is at early stages, we will update you as it progresses!



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