

# NAVIGATING MENTAL HEALTH IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM



## The 10th Irish Criminal Justice Agencies (ICJA) Conference

**FRIDAY 4 OCT 2024: DUBLIN CASTLE**



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Office of the  **Stiúrtóra Ionchúiseamh Poiblí**  
**Director of Public Prosecutions**



An Roinn Dlí agus Cirt  
Department of Justice



An tSeirbhís Chúirteanna  
Courts Service



AN TÚDARÁS PÓILINEACHTA  
POLICING AUTHORITY



An tSeirbhís Phromhaidh  
The Probation Service

**KINGS  
INNS<sup>15</sup><sub>41</sub>**



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GARDA SÍOCHÁNA INSPECTORATE



Seirbhís Phríosúin  
na hÉireann  
Irish Prison Service

**Revenue**

Cáin agus Custaim na hÉireann  
Irish Tax and Customs



**Oberstown**  
Children Detention Campus



An Bord Parúil  
The Parole Board



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Disability, Integration and Youth

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Navigating Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System  
4 October 2024

08.30 - 09.15 Conference Registration

**Morning Plenaries**

09.30 - 10.00 **Welcome and Conference Outline**

*Catherine Pierse, Director of Public Prosecutions introduced by  
Mary Griffin, Chairperson of ACJRD*

10.00 - 10.20 **Official Launch of Conference**

*Oonagh McPhillips, Secretary General, Department of Justice*

10.20 - 10.40 **Impact of Mental Health on Offending & Sentencing**

*Judge Mary Ellen Ring, The High Court of Ireland*

10.40 - 10.50 **Questions & Answers**

10.50 - 11.15 *Coffee Break & Networking*

11.15 - 11.35 **Mental Health & Probation**

*Fiona Ní Chinnéide, Deputy Director, The Probation Service*

11.35 - 11.55 **Meeting Different Gender Needs**

*Dr Clare Kambamettu, Acting Principal Psychologist Manager of Psychology  
Service, Irish Prison Service*

11.55 - 12.15 **Children & Mental Health Issues in the Criminal Justice System**

*Nuala Ward, Director of Investigations, Ombudsman for Children's Office*

12.15 - 12.25 **Questions & Answers**

12.25 - 13.25 Lunch

13.25 - 14.55 **Thematic sessions – see overleaf for details**

14.55 - 15.20 *Coffee Break & Engagement with Conference Exhibitors*

**Afternoon Plenaries**

15.20 - 15.40 **Mental Health & The Parole Board**

*Ciairín de Buis, CEO, The Parole Board*

15.40 - 16.00 **Health & Well-being: Focus on Practitioners**

*Prof. Ciaran O'Boyle, Director, Centre for Positive Health Sciences, RCSI*

16.00 - 16.10 **Questions & Answers**

16.10 - 16.40 **Panel Discussion: Reflections of the Day**

16.40 - 16.50 **Questions & Answers**

16.50 - 16.55 **Conference Closing**

*Mary Griffin, Chairperson of ACJRD*

### 13.25 - 14.55 Thematic sessions

#### Delegates choose one Thematic Session

Format: 20 minutes per speaker presentation x 3 + 30 minutes discussion

#### Session One: The Impact of Mental Health within the Criminal Justice System

a. **Diversion from Ireland's Main Remand Prison Over 18 Years: Navigating Healthcare, Housing & Criminal Justice Systems**

*Dr Conor O'Neill, Consultant Forensic Psychiatrist, National Forensic Mental Health Service Prison Inreach & Court Liaison Service, Cloverhill Prison, and Associate Clinical Professor in Forensic Psychiatry, Trinity College*

b. **Mental Health Considerations While Prosecuting Criminal Offences**

*Tony McGillicuddy SC*

c. **A Victims Perspective on Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System**

*Denise Dunne, Director of Services, ADAPT Domestic Abuse Services*

#### Session Two: Supports for People with Mental Health Challenges Who Commit Offences

a. **Courts Service – Support for People with Mental Health**

*Maura Howe, Head of Communications, The Courts Service*

b. **Mental Health - Supports for Young People**

*Conor Boksberger, Regional Clinical Manager, Jigsaw*

c. **Transforming Lives through Active Citizenship & Peer Support**

*Melissa Di Pede, Prison Coordinator & Michael Abbott, Community Coordinator, Community Based Health in First Aid (CBHFA), The Irish Red Cross*

#### Session Three: Challenges for Practitioners

a. **Supported Guardians, Safer Communities**

*Dr. Oghenovo Oghuvbu, Garda Chief Medical Officer*

b. **Mental Health in The Courts**

*Danica Kinane, Solicitor, M. E. Hanahoe Solicitors*

c. **Deaths In & After Custody - Supporting Practitioners**

*Dr. Colette Barry, Assistant Professor in Criminology, UCD Sutherland School of Law*