

Working Together for Families In Hospital



Virtual Conference 2022 • 11th May 2022 • 9.15am-3pm

ABOUT THE EVENT

This conference, jointly organised by *Children's Heartbeat Trust Northern Ireland* (CHT) and *Children in Hospital Ireland* (CIH), will delve into some key issues related to childhood illness and the impact on families throughout the island of Ireland. It is an opportunity for all interested stakeholders to come together and collectively explore the issues to learn more about what is working well on the island and consider what is needed to achieve positive and meaningful changes for sick children, their parents, and their families.

Attendees will hear from a range of people active in the field, including advocates, researchers, frontline workers, and parents, all of whom can offer unique insights into the challenges faced by families when a child is sick in hospital.

DESCRIPTION

The conference will consider:

1. The Challenges faced by families on the island

- Sharing of research findings which examine the range of non-medical costs faced by families when a child is in hospital
- Personal testimony from parents and social workers about the impact of childhood illness on the mental, physical, and financial well-being of families
- Opportunity for participants to delve into the issues in more detail in small groups and share their insights with conference attendees

2. Best-practice approaches for supporting families on the island

- Exploring the success of all-island cooperation at a statutory level to deliver better outcomes for children with congenital heart disease
- Assessing the role of shared approaches to childhood illness issues between organisations across the island
- Highlighting innovative research from across the island which supports families with children in hospital

3. Achieving positive and meaningful change

- Consideration of the opportunities for future all-island cooperation at i. Statutory level, ii. Through childhood illness organisations and advocacy group, iii. Through innovative research
- Sharing of best-practice approaches from Scotland and other European countries
- Promoting the recommendations of CHT and CIH in relation to improving supports for parents of children in hospital
- Opportunity for participants to shape the next steps by exploring the issues in small groups and sharing their insights with conference attendees

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone with an interest in or affected by childhood illness. We particularly encourage attendance from families impacted by childhood illness, healthcare workers, researchers, policymakers, and health science students.

To book your place at the conference visit: <https://workingtogetherforfamiliesinhospital.eventbrite.co.uk>

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