

# Overview of the Sexual Assault Forensic Clinical Services in the Republic of Ireland – Thursday 13 May 2021

## Dr Roger Derham



### Academic Qualifications:

M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. [UCC]

H.Dip.Med. (Forensic Med.), [UCD]

LL.M (Int.Hum.Rts.Law), [NUI GALWAY]

MIOG (Member of Institute of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists)

FRCPI (Fellow Royal College Physicians of Ireland)

FRCOG (Fellow of Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists)

FMFFLM (Foundation Member Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine)

### Professional Career:

Worked in Mallow, St Finbarr's, Erneville and Cork University Hospitals in Cork, Ireland; the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland; the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith, London, Portland Hospital Women and Children, London, St James' University Hospital, Leeds in the UK; Queen Victoria Hospital and Adelaide Medical Centre for Women and Children in Adelaide, Australia; University Hospital and Bon Secours Hospital in Galway, Ireland.

Retired as Obstetrician & Gynaecologist 2015

### Current Positions:

**Lecturer** (Above the Bar) Obstetrics and Gynaecology, NUIG, 2016 to present.

**Forensic Examiner** for Children/Adolescents 1991 – present.

**Forensic Physician** Adult SATU and Child & Adolescent CASATS services, Health Service Executive SAOLTA – Women and Children's Directorate) 2015 – present.

## Dr Maeve Eogan



Dr Maeve Eogan MD FRCPI FRCOG is a graduate of UCD medical school and completed postgraduate training in obstetrics and gynaecology in a number of Irish clinical sites. In the course of her training she was awarded membership of RCPI and RCOG, and completed a research programme which resulted in a MD thesis and a number of invited and peer reviewed publications on this topic.

Maeve has been a Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist at the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin since 2009. Her particular areas of interest include complicated postnatal care, maternity care for women with addiction issues and those who have, or are at risk of, infectious diseases and blood borne viruses.

Until 2019 Maeve was clinical lead for the Rotunda Sexual Assault Treatment Unit (SATU) and she continues to be National Clinical Lead for the SATU services, collaborating with all units and working closely with the joint Health Service Executive and Department of Health implementation committee to implement recommendations of their recent policy review of the sector.

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## Catherine Marsh

Catherine Marsh RGN RNP MSc HDip SAFE is a Clinical Nurse Specialist in Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE), having completed a Post Graduate Higher Diploma in SAFE with the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland in September 2019. In June 2016 Catherine completed a Masters in applied Health Care Management from University College Dublin, focusing her studies on gaining an insight of the lived experience of the homeless population on a designated nurse led service. In 2020 Catherine successfully completed Nurse prescribing and is registered to prescribe medicinal products.

Recently she was elected as the Chairperson to AINM SAFE, the Association of Irish Nurses and Midwives- Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners. Since 2019 Catherine has worked as a Clinical Nurse Specialist in the Mullingar Sexual Assault Treatment Unit, situated in the midlands of Ireland, where she provides comprehensive care for those aged 14 years and over who have experienced rape /sexual assault. Catherine has a keen interest in continuing research, recently participating in national research projects such as *Mental Health Vulnerabilities among patients attending Sexual Assault Treatment Units in the Republic of Ireland*, which shall be presented at the 7th International Conference on Survivors of Rape (ICSoR) in June 2021.



## Dr Joanne Nelson

Dr Joanne K. Nelson: MA (Hons), BM BCh, MRCPCH, FRCPI, MFFLM, MD is a Consultant Paediatrician, Forensic Physician and Clinical Director of the Child and Adolescent Sexual Assault Treatment Service (CASATS) West and Mid-West Ireland based in Galway. Her undergraduate training was in Cambridge and Oxford, with post graduate training in Northern Ireland and New Zealand.

In 2019 Galway was chosen as a pilot site for development of the first Interagency Service for Child Sexual Abuse in Ireland named the Barnahus Onehouse Galway. Dr Nelson is delighted to be part of a system within which Forensic Medical and Nurse Examiners integrate with a dedicated Barnahus Social Worker, Clinical Psychologist and Specialist Gardai Interviewers, meeting, planning and sharing information for the assessment, management and support of child victims of sexual abuse and their families, wherein the child's needs are prioritised.

She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians Ireland, Member of the RCPCH and Member of, and Examiner for, the Faculty of Forensic & Legal Medicine UK. Dr Nelson acts as an expert medical witness for cases of child abuse and neglect in Northern and Southern Ireland. She is a member of the international Helfer Society which is an honorary society of physicians seeking to provide leadership to enhance the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of child abuse and neglect. The purpose of the Helfer Society is one endorsed by Dr Nelson to promote education and training in the medical aspects of child abuse and neglect, to advocate for improved resources for research, clinical practice and education, to strengthen research, to promote high ethical standards for practice and research, to establish guidelines for clinical practice, to develop collaborative relationships with other professional organizations, and to emphasize the importance of the field of child abuse and neglect within medicine.

