

MOIC Update

Over the past few months MOIC has exhibited and presented at various conferences and events throughout Europe building collaborations and connections.

We are delighted to officially announce our MOU with the Commonwealth Pharmacy Association and Professor Mike Scott's paper on the impact of COVID-19 on antibiotic consumption and prevalence of pathogens in primary and secondary healthcare was published in the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology.

MOIC Impress at IHI Copenhagen

In May this year Professor Mike Scott and Anita Hogg travelled to Copenhagen to the IHI forum. The IHI/BMJ International Forum shares knowledge, ideas, and expertise that inform quality improvement, patient safety projects, and practice transformations worldwide. It brings together healthcare improvers (including patients) from different parts of the world to discuss and share examples of innovation that can be replicated. MOIC presented on medicines safety in Northern Ireland which was very well received.



Presenting in Norway

Professor Mike Scott presented virtually to a group of hospital pharmacies in South East Norway on the development of medicines management and medicines optimisation in Northern Ireland. Professor Scott also discussed our work on the iSIMPATHE project and showcased how this pharmacy project has improved care for patients prescribed with multiple medicines. The discussion in Norway follows on from a visit by a group of pharmacists from Norway in 2019 to MOIC, when they were impressed by the work of MOIC and the pharmacy practices in Northern Ireland.

Display in Antwerp

Joanne Brown iSIMPATHE pharmacist recently travelled to Antwerp to display a poster on the iSIMPATHE project and how it had improved patient outcomes in Northern Ireland.

The 23rd International Conference on Integrated Care (ICIC23) overarching theme was 'Care in action: how to work together, a participatory approach'. The conference brought together leaders, researchers, clinicians, managers, citizens, patients and caregivers from around the world who are engaged in the design and delivery of integrated health and social care.

MOIC sign MOU with CPA

We are delighted to announce a transformative partnership with the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA). Formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the partnership aligns with both the CPA and MOIC's strategic objectives. Our shared vision is to amplify our impact in the field of medicines optimisation, clinical pharmacy, and pharmaceutical care.

Paper Published

Professor Mike Scott is a co-author on a recently published paper on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on antibiotic consumption and prevalence of pathogens in primary and secondary healthcare settings in Northern Ireland. The paper is published in full on the British Journal of Clinical Pharmacology.

The aim of the study is to evaluate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the patterns of antimicrobial use and the incidence of pathogens in primary and secondary healthcare settings in Northern Ireland.

This study provides details of both changes in antibiotic consumption and the prevalence of infections in hospitals and primary care before and during the COVID-19 pandemic that emphasise the importance of antimicrobial stewardship in pandemic situations.

To read the paper in full here: <https://bpspubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/bcp.15778>

Congratulations to MOIC Staff!

Congratulations to members of the MOIC team on graduating from the Safety Quality North Programme.

Claire Scullin, Rachel Huey and Catherine Goudy recently graduated at the event held in Tullyglass Ballymena.

The programme looked at projects such as developing new services, streamlining and improving processes, redesigning services to tailor them to the needs of service users, and improving communication. Guests had an opportunity to walk around the posters on display, and share learning on what changes and improvements their projects have led to whilst on SQN.



Upcoming conferences and events

- 25 June - Enable Training School Anita Hogg attending as part of Enable COST Action
- 30 June - Eurodurg Anita Hogg presenting a poster
- 29 August - SHAPES preconference event - Nicola Goodfellow will present SHAPES pilot results.