Activity of Centre For Men's Health

Aims and objectives

The aim of the Centre is to develop innovative and applied research programmes in the area of men's health through the development of partnerships with key stakeholders. In doing so, the Centre seeks to raise the public profile of men's health issues, and to contribute to effective and gender-competent policy and practice on men's health in Ireland. The specific objectives of the Centre are to:

- Establish baseline measures across different aspects of men's health that can be monitored to evaluate changes in men's health status over time.
- Broaden the research base and increase the level of post-graduate research on men's health.
- Promote an increased focus on gendered and multi-disciplinary approaches to men's health research.
- Review on an ongoing basis the implications of research findings (both national and international) for both policy and practice.
- Develop appropriate filtering mechanisms to disseminate national and international research findings on men's health to practitioners working on the ground.
- Liaise with other academic institutions to promote an increased focus on men's health in relevant undergraduate and postgraduate courses.
- Develop training protocols and training courses on men's health, that are tailored to the needs of those working in the health and allied health professions, and that offer a range of innovative methodologies.
- Support practitioners with the ongoing evaluation of men's health initiatives on the ground.
Develop and maintain links with international men's health research Activities: Dr Noel Richardson has extensive experience in the area of men's health at a research, policy and advocacy level. He is co-author of the first ever National Policy on Men's Health, which was published in Ireland in January 2009. He has developed a close working relationship with the Health Service Executive since 2002 as a researcher and policy advisor on men's health. During that time, he produced a comprehensive research report on men's health for the Department of Health and Children.

Creator/owner/responsible institution

Name: Centre For Men's Health

Stakeholder: University; Research Institute

Area of intervention: Men and gender equality

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Activities

- Research (i) Working with international partners (Satellite centre for first EU report on Men's Health - published September 2011) (ii) Working with national partners (currently engaged in research work in partnership with Irish Cancer Society & National Cancer Registry; and the National Office for Suicide Prevention (iii) Post-graduate research work in the area of men's health (iv) Peer-reviewed and other publications (v) National and international conference presentations.

- Training: The Centre has facilitated the development of a two-day men's health training course for health and allied health professionals
Policy: The director of the Centre is seconded half-time to the Health Service Executive with responsibility for supporting the implementation of Ireland's National Men's Health Policy

Advocacy: The Centre avails of every opportunity to promote men's health through both print and broadcast media (The director of the Centre is also chair of the Men's Health Forum in Ireland)

Materials

- Richardson N., Smith J. (2011) National men's health policies in Ireland and Australia: what are the challenges associated with transitioning from development to implementation, Public Health Journal (in press)
- Richardson N., Carroll P. (2009) Getting men's health onto a policy agenda - charting the development of a national men's health policy in Ireland, Journal of Men's Health, Vol 6, No 2; 105-113
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