



Irish Hospice Foundation Announces Appointment of New CEO

Irish Hospice Foundation announces Paula O'Reilly as new CEO, starting mid-December.

Paula has over 15 years' experience working in a variety of Irish and International private, public healthcare and charitable organisations.

In previous roles, Paula has worked in occupational therapy and mental health services. She was CEO of Cheeverstown House for 3 years before moving to Virtue – Integrated Elder Care where she held the positions of Chief Operations Officer and more recently Group CEO.

Paula holds a Bachelor of Science (Occupational Therapy) and a master's in Health Service Management from Trinity College Dublin. Paula went on to publish her master's research. The paper outlines from a consumer perspective the service attributes that provide satisfaction with service delivery and highlights areas where improvement was necessary.

On taking up her role as CEO of Irish Hospice Foundation, Paula said 'I am honoured to take up the role as CEO of Irish Hospice Foundation. Dying, death and bereavement impact us all and in particular the last number of years have highlighted the importance of having the right resources and supports in place across our communities, hospitals and nursing homes. I am very much looking forward to working to build on and enhance the work already carried out by the foundation.'

Jean Callanan, Chair of Irish Hospice Foundation said "I, and the Board, are absolutely delighted that Paula has agreed to join us as CEO. As well as her considerable experience in the not for profit and private healthcare organisations she will be bringing to IHF her passion and commitment both for improving quality and working in partnership. We have amazing and committed people working here in Irish Hospice Foundation, and in Paula we are confident we have found a leader worthy of our team. We look forward very much to welcoming her."

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About Irish Hospice Foundation

Irish Hospice Foundation is a national charity that addresses dying, death and bereavement in Ireland. Our vision is an Ireland where people facing end of life or bereavement, and those who care for them, are provided with the care and support that they need.

Through advocacy and education, and the provision of services such as Nurses for Night Care and the Bereavement Support Line, Irish Hospice Foundation works to ensure that every person in Ireland can die and grieve well, whatever their age and wherever the place. For more information see www.hospicefoundation.ie



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