Intersecting Spheres: Exploring the Relationship between Ethics, Law and Medicine

2 – 5.30 pm
4 March 2016

Brookfield Health Sciences Complex
Lecture Theatre G10

Conference Convenors: Professor Mary Donnelly and Dr Claire Murray

At the heart of the Irish health system, there is an interplay between ethics, law and medicine. Yet, beyond the headline issues which occasionally emerge, we have limited understanding of how this interplay operates in practice. This conference draws on ethical, legal and medical experts who have wide experience working at the intersections of these fields to provide cross-disciplinary perspectives of the role of ethics and law in healthcare. The conference aims to facilitate dialogue around different professional approaches to issues relevant to healthcare in Ireland. It will be of interest to ethicists, legal and healthcare professionals, and to students and academics working in ethics, legal and healthcare fields, as well as to anyone with an interest in how these important questions are dealt with in practice and how public understanding of this area might be enhanced and improved.

Programme

1.30pm: Registration Brookfield Health Sciences Complex

Chair: The Hon. Ms Justice Marie Baker, Judge of the High Court

2 pm: Welcome Opening Address: Professor Mary Donnelly, School of Law, University College Cork

Keynote Address:
2.15-3.10 pm: ‘Litigating Ethics and Applying Ethics to Law: The Relationship between Medical Law and Ethics’
Professor José Miola, Law School, University of Leicester

3.10-3.25 pm: Questions and discussion

Professor Brendan Kelly, Professor of Psychiatry, Trinity College Dublin

3.50-4.15 pm: ‘Practising Conscience: Harm, refusal and commitment’
Dr Ruth Fletcher, School of Law, Queen Mary University, London
4.15-4.40 pm: ‘What’s the point of healthcare law?’
Dr Barry Lyons, School of Medicine, Trinity College Dublin and Crumlin Children’s Hospital.

4.40-5.05 pm: ‘Clinical Ethics Committees: What are they and why do we need them?’
Dr Louise Campbell, School of Medicine, National University of Ireland Galway.

5.05-5.25 pm: Questions and Discussion

5.25-5.30 pm: Closing comments: Dr Claire Murray, School of Law, University College Cork

5.30 pm Launch of Donnelly and Murray (eds) Ethical and Legal Debates in Irish Healthcare: Confronting Complexities (Manchester University Press, 2016)
Jennings Gallery, First floor, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex

The organisers would like to thank University College Cork Strategic Research Fund which provided financial support for this conference and for the workshop which provided the basis for the edited collection Ethical and Legal Debate in Irish Healthcare: Confronting Complexities

Booking details
Bookings can be made at the following link:
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