

UCC Innovation Week 2026

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**Thursday 12 March 2026 | 3.00pm - 5:00pm | Brookfield Health Sciences Complex, UCC, Room G06**

Time	Session Programme
3.00–3.10pm	<b>Opening Address</b> Prof Helen Whelton, Head of College of Medicine and Health, UCC, and Chief Academic Officer, HSE South West
3.10–3.20pm	<b>Research and Innovation Support across Clinical and Academic Settings</b> Dr Ken O’Riordan, Research & Innovation Manager, College of Medicine & Health, UCC Dr Claire Brady, Research Manager, Cork University Hospital
3.20–3.30pm	<b>Supporting the Development of Solutions to Improve Our Health Service</b> Laura Dillon, HSE South West Spark Innovation Fellow Louise Costello, Research Support Officer, Cancer Research @UCC
3.30–3.40pm	<b>System-Level Change and Innovation</b> Noel Murphy, General Manager, Change and Innovation, Strategic Planning and Performance, HSE South West
3.40–3.50pm	<b>Commercialisation, Enterprise and Impact</b> David Corkery, Operations Manager, UCC Innovation
3.50–4.00pm	<b>Creatively Solving Problems to Improve Patient Care</b> Dr Tanya Mulcahy, Director, Health Innovation Hub Ireland
4.00–4.40pm	<b>Panel Discussion (40 minutes)</b> Moderated by Dr Tanya Mulcahy, Director, Health Innovation Hub Ireland  <b>Panel Members:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Helen Donovan</b>, CEO, South Infirmary Victoria University Hospital</li><li>• <b>Prof Helen Whelton</b>, Head of College of Medicine and Health, UCC &amp; Chief Academic Officer, HSE South West</li><li>• <b>Mark O’Sullivan</b>, CEO, Neurobell</li><li>• <b>Dr Mary Galvin</b>, Dean, Faculty of Health and Social Sciences, MTU</li><li>• <b>Paschal McCarthy</b>, Chair of AnaBio, former President Irish Exporters Association and MD of GE Healthcare for 20 years</li><li>• <b>Katie O’Byrne</b>, Senior Manager, Clinical Development, Eli Lilly</li></ul>
4.40–4.45pm	<b>Closing Address</b> Prof Gerard O’Keeffe, Vice Head for Research & Innovation, College of Medicine & Health, UCC
4.45pm onwards	<b>Networking and refreshments</b> Atrium, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex (outside G06)