

Who are you?

Name: Caroline Cahill

Title in Work: OoCIO Programme Manager for MN-CMS, the Maternal & New-born Clinical Management System

About me: When I go home I'm a mum and wife. Married to Paul for 31 years we have four children, two girls, two boys, mostly grown up but all still living at home! As a family we are privileged to have a son with Down Syndrome. Peter is 22 and is the light of all our lives. Within my family, two of us, myself and my daughter, are employed by the HSE and one, my son, is a service user of the HSE. We are embedded!!

**What do you do in your job?**

My job is to lead the MN-CMS team, in partnership with the MN-CMS clinical director Dr. Michael Robson, to ensure the MN-CMS programme is rolled out in a safe manner to all of the 19 Maternity Hospitals & units within Ireland. MN-CMS provides an electronic health record (EHR) for mums & babies. Right now it is implemented In Cork University Maternity Hospital, University Hospital Kerry, The Rotunda Hospital and the National Maternity Hospital and will rollout out to the remaining 15 Maternity Hospitals/units over the next few years.

Why do you do it (personally)? What does it mean to you?

I passionately believe that this programme will deliver significant benefits for both patients and staff.

MN-CMS provide a paperless system where all patient episodes, orders, results, medications, alerts are simultaneously available to all authorised clinicians. Improved patient care is enabled as a result of better communication, supported decision making and improved business intelligence.

I work with an enthusiastic and motivated team of clinicians and OoCIO staff whose commitment to providing a quality service is enabling us deliver this fantastic programme along with the system vendor Cerner.

It is undoubtedly the most stimulating and exciting project I have ever worked on.

What advice do you have to any woman hoping to get involved in health technology?

Embrace technology! Any woman joining the HSE now will be involved in Health Technology by default. We have started down the road of providing an EHR to all mums and to all babies from birth. This is going to grow and expand to cover all services. Whether you are interested in pursuing a healthcare career in technology, business or as a clinician, Health Technology will be a key enabler for you in providing a quality service putting the patient at the centre of everything we do.