

Who are you?

Name: Julie Bellew

Title in Work: Delivery Directory Digital Primary Care

About me: Married to Gerry and Mam to three sons in their twenties, David, Stephen and Seán. Hailing from Dundalk, I am a proud Louth woman. I've been known to do a bit of cycling and love to bake.

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

I oversee delivery of the portfolio of projects within Digital Primary Care. One of my key roles is to represent OoCIO within Primary Care and vice versa, identifying opportunities to enhance and enable service delivery through ICT. We are currently working to update the technology vision and strategic roadmap that supports the division. I work with some of the senior project managers as required to assist with planning, governance and issue/risk management. Relationships are so important in all roles and particularly in this one where there are so many stakeholders both internal and external to the HSE.

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

I love the fact that the work we do in the OoCIO has a direct impact on health care provision and quality of life for our families and all who need it. I am very proud of my former role in the NIMIS project and the very positive impact it has had on direct patient care. I want us to have the best health service possible with integrated systems that provide the right information, in the right place, at the right time to improve delivery of care.

I've been in this role for four months now and absolutely love it. There is so much we can do to digitally enable healthcare provision in Primary Care and we have so many exciting new initiatives in the pipeline so watch this space - it's all about Primary Care :-)

I also feel very lucky to work with some amazing, dedicated and knowledgeable colleagues in a very supportive environment. It is fantastic to see so many talented women progressing through to senior management within our department.

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

Go for it. It is so rewarding to work in such a dynamic, complex, fast paced environment, that can really make a difference to people's lives.