

Who are you?

Name: Róisín Doherty

Title in Work: Director of Access to Information (A2I) and the Health Identifiers (HIDs) Programme

Title at home: Róisín O'Byrne – whatever you'd call the opposite of a Domestic Goddess

About me: Loves: people, music, apps, gadgets, boating, tennis, cups of tea, Guinness, wine, dining with friends (so long as someone else cooks!) banter and a good laugh

Pet hates: negativity, cynics, cooking, paper and high shelves or whiteboards.



Favourite catch phrase (both to say myself and to hear from others) "I've got an idea!"

What do you do in your job?: I work with an absolute dream team, dedicated to providing and connecting health information for patients, practitioners and health organisations by integrating health systems.

Why do you do it (personally)? What does it mean to you? I do it because I am passionate about how technology carries the load of repetitive, monotonous tasks – freeing time up for people to analyse, think and use their skills to do their job.

I do it for the HSE because my colleagues are driven not for personal gain but by the desire to improve the quality of life for others.

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

Never compromise on the vision just because there are obstacles or the path to achieving it is unclear – navigate towards that vision with practical achievable steps. Never give up – there's always a way.

