



### What I do in my job?

I have a wonderful team who have joined me over the last year to enable me to develop the CISO Programme Management Office (PMO) where we look after the cyber programme of work from a projects, funding, procurement and planning perspective. I am engaged in developing the Cyber strategy. I manage the recruitment of staff for the Cyber team.

### Motivation:

For many years until 2023, I worked in application development on the Healthlink and Healthmail platforms in particular where I made great friends across the whole organisation & felt that I was seeing benefit from what was being developed. However, post Covid & Cyber attack, I felt a change was needed & an opportunity arose to do something different. It's a great challenge, a change and good for my brain to learn something new and to realise I can do something else, I do have something to offer. It's very empowering to learn new things, new language & work with a new team in this organisation. Having come from a very large well established team in A2I-HIDs, it's very exciting to bring that learning to CISO and help with building this very new team.

### Advice to women thinking of a career in health service:

There is no reason not to get involved! There are plenty of opportunities and plenty of excellent role models. When I tell people I work in the HSE, they automatically think I work in a medical field. There are lots of amazing women working across the HSE not just in medical roles; that underpin and support all of our health and social care colleagues. It is important to not only support women, be good role models, but to work alongside all our colleagues as we all need each other for the place to function. #NoGirlGetsLeftBehind

I'm very lucky to have many titles – Wife, mother, sister, daughter, auntie, niece, sis-in-law, god-mother, god-daughter, friend, colleague, Kilkenny Cat, & hopefully decent person overall. I love listening to stories about peoples lives, fascinated by human nature. Love getting outdoors, up the mountains, cycling, skiing, hiking and socialising.

