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I love travelling, meeting and connecting with people and strive to do better for patients and healthcare professionals.

What I do in my job?

I manage the NRC for SNOMED & the HSE Data Dictionary. I am also working as part of a team involved in developing a data strategy for the HSE. I work closely with many of the eHealth projects that are going through the procurement process right now giving my expertise on data standards and data quality. I represent Ireland on some EU groups such as the eHealth Network semantic subgroup and last year I chaired the Hospital Discharge Summary guideline which was published in Dec 2023. I also represent Ireland in SNOMED International as the Member Forum representative, & work closely with the Dept of Health on this initiative. In 2023 I completed a Diploma with the Irish Management Institute on Digital Leadership, which was very insightful which gave me a great insight into how digital transformation is going to affect everything we do in the short and medium term

Motivation:

I absolutely love my job & the reason is, I am using all my skills as nurse, midwife, qualified project manager, entrepreneur, & health informatics expert to enable and assist clinical teams to be prepared for the digital world in the management of patient care. Covid has shown us that technology is going to be front & centre of everything we do in the patient care & clinical teams need to be armed with the right information to make best use of their knowledge and capabilities.

Advice to women thinking of a career in health service:

Working in the health service in all domains is demanding, but interesting. There is so much happening right now it's great to be working on topic that we can influence directly on patient care by ensuring the accurate and timely information is available.



