

# Creating Advocates for Evidence-

Using creative techniques to develop a network of evidence based practitioners in Ireland

Dr. Eve O'Toole  
Ms. Mary Morrissey  
Dr. Niamh O'Rourke

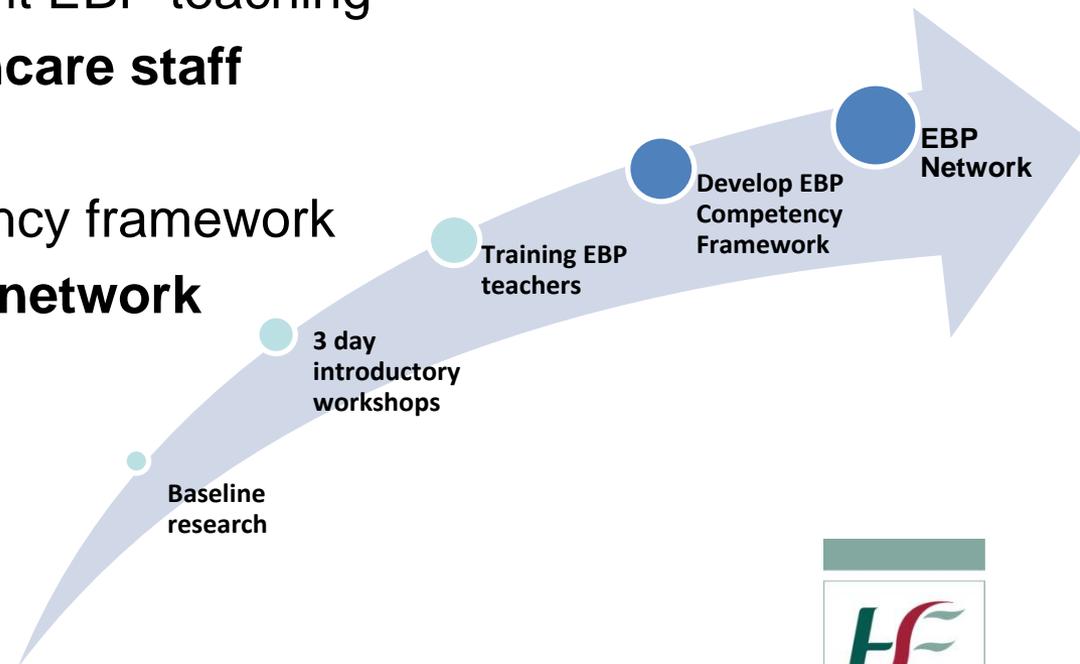
# Background

## Evidence Based Practice Ireland (EBPI)

To foster a culture in the health and social care service that “evidence-based practice is how we do things around here”

### EBPI Phase One

- Baseline research on current EBP teaching
- **Training in EBP for healthcare staff**
- Training of EBP educators
- Development of a competency framework
- **Establishment of an EBP network**



# EBP Workshop Dublin 2019



# Aims

- To build capacity for teaching and practicing EBP
- To harness the enthusiasm and passion of the practitioners and teachers to create the strategic vision for the EBP network.
- To establish the steering committee of the EBP network.

# Methods

- Interactive Sessions
  - Icebreaker
  - Creative thinking with facilitators
  - Interactive networking session
- Each exercise
  - Personal reflection - Me
  - Sharing insights - Pair
  - Feedback with wider group - Share

# Group Exercise

**GET**  
What do you want to get  
from attending the  
EBHC conference?

**BRING**  
What are you bringing  
to the EBHC  
conference?

**You have 30 seconds...**

# Group Exercise

**GET**  
What do you want  
to get from  
attending the EBHC  
conference?

**BRING**  
What are you  
bringing to the  
EBHC  
conference?

Now, without leaving your chair please share your “bring” “get” with the nearest person you do not know.

**You have 60 seconds**

# Results

What you brought

- Energy/curiosity
- Interest/enthusiasm
- Technical EBP skills
- Leadership skills
- Organisation skills
- Implementation experience
- Clinical expertise

What you expected

- Technical EBP skills
- Confidence to use EBP
- How to put evidence into practice
- Opportunity to Network
- Advocacy for EBP



## What you will do

- Host events
- Incorporate EBP into everyday practice
- Implementation
- Teaching

## What you want in the future

- Information
- Training
- Incorporating EBP into clinical practice
- Other



# Limits

- The challenge of sustaining participation
- Providing value to the members
- Creating a culture where EBP is the norm of how healthcare is delivered in Ireland

# Bottom line

- An innovative approach to engage connect and establish relationships and create a network of EBP
- We have identified the needs of these in the network through the creative exercises to ensure the network provides value for the individual members
- A steering committee has been established with TOR and the first networking event is planed for January 2020!

# Acknowledgements

- CEBM in Oxford
- Members of the EBPI Steering Committee

naji foundation