

Summary Report of Health and Social Care Professionals (HSCP) funded dissemination of the European Parkinsons Guidelines:

Thanks to the Irish Health Service Executive HSCP funding five Irish physiotherapists, (Roisin Moloney, Elaine Harrington, Gillian Quinn, Eithne Waldron, David Hegarty) attended the Movement disorder Society (MDS) Parkinsons Disease (PD) four day summer school in the Netherlands. This advanced training scheme was attended by 40 international therapists with expertise in treating patients with PD. The lecturing team included a number of the most eminent researchers in the field of physiotherapy in PD internationally

Upon returning to Ireland the five Irish physiotherapists designed an advanced training course, based on the Summer School. Seventeen Irish physiotherapists with expertise in PD attended the advanced training course in the Mater Hospital, Dublin in December 2013. This course took place over two days and was a mixture of lectures, practical and patient practical. It was a very successful course and the feedback provided was vastly positive. A discussion and brain storming at the end of the course included plans for the dissemination courses and ways to advance PD practice nationally.

This group of twenty-two physiotherapists trained in the European Guidelines will disseminate this knowledge to 120 Irish Physiotherapists in 2014.

Photo below – (Left to right) David Hegarty, Gillian Quinn, Roisin Moloney, Elaine Harrington, Eithne Waldron

