

**Background: [Health Innovation Hub Ireland \(HIHI\)](#)**

A joint government initiative of both the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation (DBEI) and the Department of Health (DoH), funded through Enterprise Ireland and supported by HSE, HIHI recognises that collaboration with business can benefit patient care, patient pathways and outcomes. Operationally HIHI is a partnership of clinical and academic centres – UCC/South Southwest Hospital Group, NUIG/Saolta Healthcare Group. Trinity College Dublin/Dublin Midlands Hospital Group and CIT.

HIHI works across three core areas in its three hub locations – Cork, Dublin, Galway:

**1. [Industry](#)**

HIHI connecting products with people qualified to test them – industry and clinical teams - through usability, pilot and validation studies, supports the development of new healthcare technologies. The support of HSE and DoH means HIHI has a unique tailor made pathway to facilitate these studies in Irish healthcare settings.

**2. [Healthcare Community](#)**

HIHI and its partners want to look at solutions for the long-term. HIHI is an open door in Cork, Dublin and Galway for staff from all parts of the health service that have ideas and solutions to problems they encounter in their work. HIHI assesses ideas and concepts for healthcare innovation from all staff – clinical and non-clinical, acting as mentors and advising on taking an idea and developing it into a service, process or product.

**3. [Education](#)**

To create a truly sustainable culture of innovation within the Irish healthcare system HIHI needs to reach everybody, not just those with product ideas and this can only happen through education. Of the four HIHI academic partners, Trinity College Dublin (TCD) has specific responsibility for the delivery of educational products that will stimulate a culture of innovation within the HSE. These include a series of five HIHI workshops – open to HSE and voluntary hospital staff only and running currently. A TCD Postgraduate Diploma in Healthcare Innovation – first cohort September 2019 – open to industry and HSE.

<b>Role Title</b>	HSE Clinical Liaison (Two year assignment to Health Innovation Hub Ireland, Dublin)
<b>Organisation</b>	Health Innovation Hub Ireland
<b>Reports to</b>	HIHI Manger (Dublin) Eimear Galvin
<b>Direct key reports</b>	n/a
<b>Grade</b>	Clinical Research Nurse Manager II/or relevant equivalent
<b>Eligibility</b>	Must be a current employee of one of the seven Dublin Midlands Hospitals: St James’ Hospital Dublin; St Lukes Radiation Oncology Network ;The Adelaide &Meath Hospital (Tallaght Hospital) Dublin Midlands Regional Hospital Tullamore; Naas General Hospital Midlands Regional Hospital Portlaoise; The Coombe Women & Infant University Hospital Dublin.
<b>Purpose of the Role</b>	The post holder will be assigned to work in HIHI office, which is on the St James Hospital Campus in a full time capacity for up to two years, and will retain their current HSE contract and pension benefits for this period.

	<p>This unique opportunity will allow you to be part of an exciting new development, learn new skills and leverage your current clinical experience to new advantage.</p> <p>Central to the role is supporting start-ups and SMEs, brokering collaborative projects working with companies/ HSE teams and a network of experts within HIHI, to validate technologies and solve challenges in healthcare. This involves the post holder project-managing pilot, usability, validation studies. In addition to the HIHI studies, the role of broker may also involve simply being the initial connection point between industry and a clinical expert, organising focus groups, or facilitating mid development feedback pre-clinical trial or post market analysis.</p> <p>Project management skills are crucial in this role. The role requires co-ordination of projects from study set up, providing support with ethical application and protocol development, through to implementation of studies in a health care setting. It requires the ability to work on multiple projects across multiple locations, the ability to deal with issues and problems that may arise in projects and the ability to work with multidisciplinary teams.</p>
<p><b>Informal enquiries. Please contact:</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIHI Manger, Dublin, Eimear Galvin – <a href="mailto:galvinei@tcd.ie">galvinei@tcd.ie</a> Or</li> <li>• HIHI Principal Investigator, Professor Seamas Donnelly - <a href="mailto:seamas.donnelly@tcd.ie">seamas.donnelly@tcd.ie</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Closing date</b></p>	<p>June 20, 2019</p>

#### Key duties and responsibilities

- Act as broker between companies and clinical teams to assess feasibility of HIHI studies and co-design the study if agreed.
- Work within the HIHI SOPs, guidelines and processes for operation, management and reporting of projects- in line with GCP
- To play a proactive role in driving on-going projects identifying problems early and providing regular feedback with Principal Investigator, HIHI colleagues, company and project team.
- To assist in ensuring the overall smooth running of HIHI pilot, usability and validation studies in line with best practice.
- Facilitate the ethical approval for proposed usability, validation, pilot studies, where appropriate.
- To advise on ethical and regulatory procedures (submissions, query resolution etc.) for studies as necessary.
- To arrange study specific meetings, including project team notification, completion and writing of minutes where applicable.
- To ensure prompt management of all study related correspondence
- To take responsibility for maintenance and upkeep study documentation, including: HIHI Project Agreement Documents and data entry.

- Maintenance and regular monitoring of HHI project notes on internal HHI Smartsheets and SharePoint systems (full training provided).
- To support, where appropriate on ideation development from with the healthcare community – manage idea/tech assessment and workshop ideas – as part of the HHI work with the healthcare community.
- To support on delivery of HHI educational programmes as required, in particular HHI Innovation Workshops.
- To liaise with HHI colleagues in Cork, Galway and Dublin.
- Where appropriate support HHI projects being led by HHI partner locations.
- To carry out other duties as appropriate to the post as may be assigned from time to time by the HHI Manager/HHI PI.

\*The above Role Profile is not intended to be a comprehensive list of all duties involved and consequently the post holder may be required to perform other duties as appropriate to the post which may be assigned to him/her from time to time and to contribute to the development of the post while in office. This Role Profile will be subject to review in the light of changing circumstances.\*

### Academic/Professional Qualifications and/or relevant Experience

#### Required

- This two year assignment is restricted to employees of the seven Dublin Midlands Hospitals
- Three years post-registration/qualification experience in the acute hospital setting within the last five years.
- Nursing applicants - Registered General Nurse with The Nursing & Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI), or eligible to register with NMBI.
- Knowledge and experience of good clinical practice.
- Experience of study design/protocol and ethical process in Ireland.
- Hands on experience of project management tools e.g. excel.
- Experience working in or developing multidisciplinary teams to deliver projects/studies.
- Ability to work independently, self-directed but also works well within a team and under supervision.
- Have ability to work within scope of practice in a confident and safe manner, ensuring professional accountability and adherence policies to and protocol.
- Have excellent oral and written communication skills – requires attention to detail and meticulous record keeping.
- Excellent organisational and ‘problem solving’ skills.
- Be a superb communicator of technical and scientific information and possess excellent interpersonal skills.
- The ability to integrate as part of a diverse team and work with colleagues across the three hubs.
- Good IT skills including Microsoft Office.
- Develop specialist skills to support HHI studies, under supervision.

#### Desirable

- Qualification in clinical research discipline.
- Certificate in Good Clinical Practice (ICH-GCP).
- Full Driving Licence (may be required to travel)



- Experience in the field of clinical trials/research of medical devices, technology.
- Clinical research experience/interest in clinical research.

#### **Professional development**

- Maintain professional registration as applicable.
- Opportunity to undertake further education, as appropriate, to keep updated with changes within the field of clinical research.
- Attend and participate in: appropriate outside conferences and/or other professional development activities

#### **Application process**

- CV and brief cover letter as to why you are interested in this assignment and why you are suitable for the role to HIHI Manger, Eimear Galvin - galvinei@tcd.ie.
- Interviews early July.
- This two-year assignment must be considered in conjunction with your current employer.
- This is only open to employees of one of the seven Dublin Midlands Hospitals