

**Evaluation of  
Waterford Healing Arts Trust  
Arts Programme in Renal Dialysis Unit,  
UHW**



**Call for tenders**

***Context***

Waterford Healing Arts Trust (WHAT) has been running an arts programme in the Renal Dialysis Unit of University Hospital Waterford (UHW) since 2007. Artists work in the unit on a weekly basis, engaging patients in art making, including visual art, photography, writing and singing/music. The programme, which is funded by the Punchestown Kidney Research Fund, is supported by the staff members on the unit who are keen to provide positive, creative and diversionary activities for their patients.

The Renal Dialysis Unit at UHW is an 18-bed unit which accommodates approximately 90 chronic renal dialysis patients every week from the south-east of Ireland. Each patient attends for renal dialysis for 3-4 hours, usually three times per week.

***Evaluation Brief***

To date, the programme has been evaluated on an ongoing basis through the artists' reflective journals. WHAT now wishes to commission an independent evaluation of the *Waterford Healing Arts Trust Arts Programme in the Renal Dialysis Unit at UHW* to date, with a view to informing the next phase of the programme.

The evaluation will:

- Review progress made on the delivery of this programme since 2007
- Analyse the artists' (distinct) models of working
- Make recommendations for the priorities and focus of the programme from 2018 – 2020

And will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Interviews with stakeholders, including participants, staff etc (subject to informed consent)
- Interviews with a sample of non-participants (where appropriate)
- Interviews with former participants and/or family members of former participants (where appropriate and subject to informed consent)

WHAT will provide:

- Access to collected quantitative and qualitative data as available
- Access to the arts programme partners and stakeholders including healthcare staff, participants and former participants (where appropriate), artists, family members etc.
- Support with application for approval from the Ethics Committee of UHW to interview patients
- Support of Waterford Healing Arts Trust staff
- A working base in the WHAT Centre for Arts and Health, if required

**Completion & submission of final evaluation: Thursday 29 November 2018**

**Fee:** €2000 incl VAT, travel costs etc.

### ***Submissions of tenders***

Applicants are required to include the following when submitting a tender:

- An outline of how the evaluation will be carried out, including methodology, timeline etc
- Evidence of skills and knowledge relevant to the arts and health sector
- Evidence of high quality report writing and ability to analyse complex information

and be willing to undergo Garda vetting and secure approval from the Ethics Committee of UHW, if selected.

Short-listed candidates may be interviewed.

#### **Submission deadline:**

**Closing date** for submission of **hard copy** of tender document:

**Thursday 12 April 2018**, marked for the attention of

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