



# Northern Ireland Simulation and Human Factors Network Newsletter September- October 2018

## NISHFN Conference:

The sell out inter-professional 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual NISHFN Autumn Conference took place at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn, on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. The focus this year was on *Safety and Quality: The Value and Impact of Simulation Based Education and Human Factors*.

The conference was opened by Dr. Anne Kilgallen, Chief Executive of the WHSCT, who discussed how Human Factors can make the difference between life and death.

We were very privileged to have two excellent key notes speakers delivering talks at the conference. Our first was Dr. Nigel Packham, Manager of the Flight Safety Office at NASA Johnson, who spoke about how using lessons learnt from the space programme can help us better understand risk and improve communication within our healthcare systems. Our second key notes speaker was Dr. Mike Webb, Medical Director of Ulster Rugby, who spoke about how technological advances in his field have allowed improved prediction and detection of concussion, as well as discussing how concentration, reaction time and sleep can affect performance, an issue relevant to all healthcare staff.

These talks were followed by a series of parallel workshops delivered by faculty experts on various topics such as designing your own simulation scenarios, building a successful business case and using simulation to learn from incidents.

This was followed by a trade exhibition and poster viewing.

The day finished with a panel discussion on how learning within Human Factors can be best shared within the network before a final talk was given by Dr. Bryn Baxendale on the newly published White Paper on Human Factors for Health and Social Care ([link here](#)).

The venue filling up at Island Hall, Lagan Valley Island



Dr. Packham presenting his talk on learning from risk



Dr. Webb presenting his talk on medical advances



## ASPIH 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

We are delighted to announce that next year we will be joining up with ASPIH and the IAS to host ASPIH's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference at the Waterfront Hotel Belfast on the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Details will follow in due course.



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