Biographies: Psychiatry of Later Life

Prof Robert Howard

Professor Robert Howard is Professor of Old Age Psychiatry and Psychopathology at the Maudsley Hospital. He is one of the foremost academic old age psychiatrists in the British Isles and was lead investigator for the Domino and CALM-AD trials. He continues to run an old age inpatient ward and was Dean of the Royal College of Psychiatrists from 2008-2013. He is an acknowledged authority on the pharmacotherapy of dementia, late onset schizophrenia and the psychopathology of psychiatric illnesses in old age.

Dr John O’Donovan

Dr John O’Donovan was appointed as a Later Life Consultant in Saint John of God Hospital in June 2014. He qualified in Dublin in 1995 and after several years higher training in neurology entered basic psychiatric training in Saint John of God Hospital, followed by higher training in Melbourne in neuropsychiatry and further post graduate training in London at the Maudsley and National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. He has a long standing interest in the psychiatric aspects of movement disorders and Parkinson’s disease in particular.

Dr Colin Gallagher

Dr Colin Gallagher completed his Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology at UCD. He recognised an interest in neuropsychology at this point and went on to complete a Master’s degree by research (M.Litt.) followed by a PhD. Both of these were in the area of neuropsychological assessment of memory. After his PhD he worked as leader of a research team working in the disability field. He then worked as an Assistant Psychologist in St John of God Hospital before completing his doctoral training in clinical psychology in UCD. Following this, he worked in St John of God Menni Services where he had a dual role of direct client work as well as looking into service planning to meet the health related needs of adults with an intellectual disability who are ageing within that service. While there he authored a report that has informed Menni Service’s planning for older adults with an intellectual disability. Since returning to St John of God Hospital he has worked in different roles, with his interest in neuropsychology and memory leading him to the post he currently occupies, that of Senior Clinical Psychologist working with older adults. He is also the psychologist involved in developing the memory clinic within the hospital.