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A graduate of UCC, Orla worked in hospital medicine for five years before embarking in a career in Public Health Medicine. She has occupied a range of senior executive and clinical leadership roles at regional and national levels in the health services including Director of Quality, Governance and Patient Safety, Director of Strategy, Planning and Population Health and Chief Operations Officer. In 2018, she was made Adjunct Clinical Professor in the School of Public Health UCC.

Since taking up post as National Clinical Lead of Quality and Patient Safety in the HSE in April 2021, Orla has reconfigured the Corporate Quality and Patient Safety, to deliver on the organisations Patient Safety Strategy. The vision of NQPS for patient safety is that all patients using health and social care services will consistently receive the safest care possible by:

- Building quality and patient safety capacity and capability in practice
- Using data to inform improvements
- Developing and monitoring the incident management framework and open disclosure policy and guidance
- Providing a platform for sharing and learning; reducing common causes of harm and enabling safe systems of care and sustainable improvements.

Orla leads the following functions:

- Office of the National Clinical Lead
- NQPS Communications and Patient Safety Together: learning, sharing and improving
- Using data to improve patient safety: QPS Intelligence
- Incident Management, Open Disclosure and NIMS
- National Centre for Clinical Audit, Quality Improvement and QPS Education