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### First Irish based journal dedicated to mental health succeeds in gaining Pubmed status

**The Irish Journal of Psychological Medicine is proud to announce its recent successful application for indexing on Medline, the largest and most prestigious internet search engine for medical research.**

The Irish Journal of Psychological Medicine\* (IJPM) has gained Pubmed status by being selected for indexing on Medline. Medline indexing means that research published in the IJPM will be available through searches on Pubmed, the **largest and most prestigious internet search engine for biological and medical research** both in Ireland and throughout the world.

**Just 12-15% of journals considered for application around the world are successful.** IJPM is now the only Irish based journal available on Pubmed which is dedicated to mental health.

This indexing will result in **Irish based mental health research being more visible** and widely read by clinicians and researchers both in Ireland and around the world. It will also increase the likelihood that this research will be used by people to inform clinical practice through internet searches.

**Dr John Lyne, Editor-in-Chief** for the IJPM, explained what this indexing could mean for the delivery of services:

*“The journal aims to advocate for better mental health services for all by highlighting key topics of current relevance to mental health. By reaching a wider audience IJPM can act as **a forum for positive change in how mental health services are delivered** both in Ireland and internationally.”*

Established in 1982, the IJPM has a long tradition of publishing excellent quality research and this successful application is a reflection of the high academic standard of the journal.

Dr Lyne continued:

*“This is a milestone achievement for the journal and has come about due to the persistent work of the editorial board and Cambridge University Press, as well as the excellent support received by the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland.”*

Editorials Editor, **Prof Mary Cannon**, pointed out the opportunities for research gained by the journal’s erudite status:

*“Medline indexing for IJPM can **improve mental health research** in Ireland, and will allow international researchers and clinicians to read about and cite the work being carried out in Ireland. **This is the dawn of a new era for Irish mental health research.**”*

As the official research journal of the **College of Psychiatrists of Ireland**, much of the research published is relevant to an Irish audience, although the journal has a large international readership and maintains the high publication standards worthy of an international journal.

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**Notes for the Editor:**

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland was formed in 2009. It is the professional body for psychiatrists in the Republic of Ireland. The Mission of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is to promote excellence in the practice of psychiatry. The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is the sole body recognised by the Medical Council and the HSE for the training of doctors to become specialists in psychiatry and for the continuing assurance of the career long competence of specialists in psychiatry. The College supports the delivery of mental health services in line with the recovery model and supports the delivery of the 2006 national policy on mental health services *A Vision for Change* in line with recommendations for adjustment 11 years on.

\*The Irish Journal of Psychological Medicine (IJPM) is the official research journal of the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland and is published by Cambridge University Press.

The IJPM publishes four editions per year and is available on [Cambridge Core](#).

You can also follow the IJPM on Twitter ([@IrishJournPsych](#)).