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Psychiatry of Later Life brought into focus for half day conference in association with Saint John of God Hospital

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is pleased to announce a half day conference in association with Saint John of God Hospital. This conference focuses on Psychiatry of Later Life and will take place from 9.30am until 1pm on Saturday, 31st of January at Saint John of God Hospital in Stillorgan.

Dr Ruth Loane, President of the College and Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist, will chair the morning's discussions. Following a brief welcome and introduction, three speakers will present on their various fields of interest and expertise.

Dr John O'Donovan, Consultant Old Age Psychiatrist at Saint John of God Hospital will speak on the topic of '*Psychiatric aspects of Parkinson's Disease*'. This outlines his long standing interest in the psychiatric aspects of movement disorders and Parkinson's disease in particular.

Second speaker **Dr Colin Gallagher**, Senior Clinical Psychologist at Saint John of God Hospital, has built a prestigious career based on his interest in neuropsychology and memory. He is the psychologist involved in developing the memory clinic at Saint John of God Hospital and will present on '*Getting the most out of Neuropsychological Assessments*'.

Finally the College and Saint John of God Hospital welcome **Professor Robert Howard**, Professor of Old Age Psychiatry at Maudsley Hospital in London. One of the foremost academic old age psychiatrists in the British Isles, he is an acknowledged authority on the pharmacotherapy of dementia, late onset schizophrenia and the psychopathology of psychiatric illnesses in old age. Professor Howard will speak on '*Evidence based treatment in Dementia*'.

Dr Ruth Loane President of the College welcomes such an occasion in collaboration with Saint John of God Hospital:

'These discussions are important for all psychiatrists, particularly for those with an interest in Psychiatry of Later Life. We welcome such an event which highlights specific areas of research and provides further insight and information'.

The conference is approved by the College of Psychiatrists of Ireland for **3.5 external CPD credits**.

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