

## Irish Healthcare Centre Awards 2026

### Category: Clinical Team of the Year-Public

**In no more than 250 words, summarise why your team deserves to win this award**

The Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP) is a national clinical team transforming patient care across Ireland through the leadership and delivery of over 600 Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (ANPs and AMPs). These highly skilled, autonomous clinicians deliver complete episodes of care across primary, secondary, and tertiary settings, providing expert assessment, diagnosis, prescribing, treatment, and follow-up, and collectively delivering tens of thousands of patient consultations annually.

IAANMP's impact is demonstrated through improved access to timely, expert-led care, reduced pressure on overstretched services, and strengthened clinical outcomes across multiple specialties. Advanced practitioners represented by the Association play a critical role in reducing waiting times, avoiding hospital admissions, and enhancing continuity of care for patients nationwide.

Through strategic collaboration with the Department of Health, the HSE, NMBI, academic institutions, and national stakeholders, IAANMP has driven the expansion, recognition, and integration of advanced practice roles as a key solution to healthcare system demands. This has directly supported workforce development, service efficiency, and patient-centred innovation at a national level.

A landmark achievement has been the launch of Ireland's first Advanced Practice Supplement within a national nursing journal, providing a platform for research, innovation, and clinical excellence, and further strengthening evidence-based practice.

As a unified national clinical team, IAANMP demonstrates measurable impact, innovation, and leadership in delivering high-quality, accessible care. Its sustained contribution to improving patient outcomes and shaping the future of healthcare in Ireland makes it a compelling and deserving recipient of Clinical Team of the Year – Public.

**Organisation Background. Describe the organisation and where the team sits within it. Please also describe how the team partners with other functions within the organisation. (400 words)**

The Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP) is a dynamic national professional organisation representing and supporting Advanced Nurse Practitioners (ANPs) and Advanced Midwife Practitioners (AMPs) across every clinical specialty and healthcare setting in Ireland. Established to promote excellence, leadership, and innovation in advanced practice, the IAANMP is a national voice for ANPs and AMPs, advanced practitioners who deliver expert, autonomous, and patient-centred care through

comprehensive assessment, diagnosis, prescribing, treatment, referral and follow up. With 600 members, the Association works collaboratively with the Department of Health, Sláintecare, the HSE, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI), The Irish Nurses and Midwifery Organisation (INMO) and academic partners to advance professional recognition, drive clinical excellence, and shape the future of healthcare delivery in Ireland.

At the heart of the organisation is the IANMP Committee, a highly skilled team of practising ANPs and AMPs representing diverse clinical areas including emergency care, general practice, acute medicine, paediatrics, mental health and much more. This team sets the strategic vision for the Association, leading on governance, advocacy, education, research, communications, and professional development. Working collectively and strategically, the committee ensures that every initiative reflects the Association's mission, to empower advanced practitioners, enhance patient outcomes, and strengthen the Irish healthcare system.

The Executive Committee operates as a collaborative hub, working closely with representatives and members nationwide to identify priorities, share expertise, and promote professional unity across the advanced practice community. Externally, the team partners with universities, research bodies, and healthcare organisations to influence policy, education, and clinical innovation. It plays an important role in national policy development, workforce planning, and the expansion of advanced practice roles, ensuring that ANPs and AMPs remain integral to high-quality, accessible healthcare.

A standout example of the team's vision and collaboration was the creation and launch of Ireland's first Advanced Practice Supplement in partnership with GreenCross Publications, in an established national nursing journal. This landmark initiative provides a prestigious platform for ANPs and AMPs to publish research, share innovations, and highlight clinical excellence. The IANMP also leads a national conference, professional forums, and programmes that foster growth, leadership, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

Through its visionary leadership, strategic partnerships, and unwavering commitment to professional advancement, the IANMP Committee and membership exemplifies the highest standards of teamwork, expertise, and innovation, driving forward excellence in advanced clinical practice and transforming healthcare in Ireland.

**Highlight size and role of the team over this period. What are the team's key achievements? How has your team demonstrated innovation? Show evidence to support the achievements. (500 words)**

The Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (IANMP) is a leading national team of 600 Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (ANPs and AMPs) in Ireland, representing every clinical specialty and healthcare setting. For 21 years, the IANMP membership has grown exponentially, establishing itself as the authoritative voice for advanced practice and a driving force for professional recognition, clinical excellence, and transformative impact on healthcare delivery. This national, unified team of autonomous, highly skilled practitioners manages complete episodes of care, including assessment,

diagnosis, prescribing, treatment, and referral, while simultaneously shaping education, policy, research, and professional standards across the country.

The team's achievements are transformative and far-reaching. A landmark initiative has been the creation and launch of Ireland's official first Advanced Practice Supplement, in partnership with GreenCross Publications within the established *Nursing in Practice Ireland* journal. This national platform showcases ANP and AMP research, clinical innovation, and leadership, dramatically raising the profile of advanced practice across healthcare, academia, and policymaking. The IAANMP's annual National Advanced Practice Conference has become a flagship event and cornerstone of advanced practice in Ireland. Attracting practitioners, educators, healthcare leaders, and policymakers from across the country, the conference provides a platform for sharing cutting-edge evidence-based practice, presenting original research, showcasing clinical innovation, and fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. Each year, it drives engagement across all regions, promotes leadership development, and strengthens the professional identity and cohesion of the advanced practice community nationwide.

Innovation is embedded across every aspect of the team's work. A modern, interactive website serves as a central hub for resources, communication, and professional support. Siilo, a secure clinical communication platform, enables real-time networking, peer support, and knowledge exchange, connecting members nationally. Regular educational webinars deliver accessible, high-quality professional development across all specialties, while a strong social media and digital presence amplifies achievements, advocacy, and leadership, ensuring the IAANMP's influence resonates across the healthcare system. The team maintains robust connections with representatives and members, capturing emerging priorities, sharing best practice, and fostering a cohesive national network of advanced practitioners.

The IAANMP team's impact is tangible and measurable: sustained membership growth, expansion of ANP and AMP roles nationwide, demonstrable improvements in clinical standards, and recognition from members and stakeholders for shaping professional identity, policy, and practice. Through 21 years of visionary leadership, cohesive teamwork, and relentless innovation, the IAANMP has redefined advanced practice in Ireland, strengthened patient outcomes, influenced national policy, and set new benchmarks for healthcare leadership. The team's sustained excellence, national reach, and transformative influence make the IAANMP a truly deserving recipient of Clinical Team of the Year Award - Public.

**Challenges & Obstacles Faced. What specific challenges has your team faced? How has that affected your organisation? How was it managed? (400 words)**

The Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP) has faced complex challenges over its 21-year history, reflecting both the evolving demands of healthcare in Ireland and the expanding role of advanced practice. As a national team of 600 highly skilled ANPs and AMPs, the IAANMP has consistently demonstrated that advanced practitioners are a key solution to healthcare pressures, delivering expert, autonomous care across every specialty and setting. From managing complete episodes of care, including assessment, diagnosis, prescribing, treatment, and referral, to leading innovation and service

development, the team has positioned advanced practice as central to improving patient outcomes, accessibility, and service efficiency.

One significant challenge has been ensuring that the scale, scope, and impact of advanced practice roles are fully recognised and understood across the healthcare system. Rather than being a barrier, this presented an opportunity for the IAANMP to demonstrate leadership, influence policy, and provide solutions to system pressures such as workforce shortages, increasing patient complexity, and the need for timely, high-quality care. By articulating the value of ANPs and AMPs, the team has strengthened the perception of advanced practitioners as essential drivers of safe, effective, and sustainable healthcare.

Managing a large and diverse national membership of 600 practitioners across multiple specialties and regions has also presented logistical challenges in communication, engagement, and professional cohesion. The IAANMP has addressed this through innovative digital solutions, including a modern, interactive website, Siilo for secure real-time professional networking, social media engagement, and regular online educational webinars across all specialties. These initiatives have fostered a connected, empowered, and highly collaborative professional community, ensuring members are supported, informed, and able to contribute to national healthcare solutions.

The IAANMP created platforms that showcase the impact of advanced practice, including Ireland's first Advanced Practice Supplement in an official nursing journal and the annual National Advanced Practice Conference, which unite practitioners, educators, and policymakers to share evidence-based practice, research, and innovative approaches to patient care. The team maintains strong connections with representatives and members, enabling rapid identification of emerging healthcare priorities and the development of responsive strategies.

Through visionary leadership, innovation, and cohesive teamwork, the IAANMP has not only navigated challenges but turned them into opportunities to strengthen advanced practice, enhance patient care, influence national policy, and provide practical, high-quality solutions to pressing healthcare system demands. The Association's ability to lead, innovate, and deliver results at a national level exemplifies its role as a driving force in transforming healthcare in Ireland.

**Impact on Organisational Performance. Provide evidence of a link between the team's successes and improved operational performance within the organisation. (300 words).**

The Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP) demonstrates a clear, measurable link between its achievements and significantly enhanced operational performance across the organisation and the wider advanced practice workforce. Over the past year, IAANMP has transformed its operational capability through targeted digital innovation, strengthened governance, and high-impact national engagement.

The rollout of a fully modernised digital ecosystem, including the redesigned IAANMP website, secure Siilo clinical communication platform, and a coordinated social media

strategy, has increased organisational efficiency and responsiveness. Member communication speed has improved dramatically, with engagement across digital channels increasing by more than 60%. These platforms reduce administrative burden, enable rapid dissemination of clinical updates, and foster real-time collaboration across 600 ANPs and AMPs nationwide.

Operational performance is further demonstrated through IANMP's expanded national education programme. Monthly clinical and professional development webinars consistently attract high attendance, with post-event evaluations reporting 90–95% satisfaction and measurable improvements in knowledge, confidence, and clinical decision-making. This scalable education model strengthens national workforce capability while using minimal administrative and financial resources—evidencing operational efficiency and value.

The launch of Ireland's first Advanced Practice Supplement in partnership with *Nursing in Practice Ireland* represents a major organisational achievement, elevating IANMP's national profile and strengthening professional influence. This visibility has facilitated deeper engagement with the Department of Health, the HSE, NMBI, and academic leaders, supporting more strategic workforce planning, increased ANP/AMP role development, and stronger national advocacy.

Collectively, these achievements demonstrate outstanding operational performance: streamlined communication, enhanced organisational agility, increased member participation, strengthened clinical capability, and greater national influence. The IANMP's strategic leadership has directly improved advanced practice delivery and strengthened healthcare service capacity across Ireland, positioning the Association as a high-performing, forward-thinking national organisation.

**Provide feedback from others in the organisation who have worked with the team.**

**IANMP ADVANCED PRACTITIONERS TESTIMONIALS.**

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## Testimonials

[Sharing real life testimonials on Advanced Practitioners in Ireland ANPs ED](#)

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**IAANMP Siilo (Communication platform):** <https://iaanmp.com/siilo-doctolib-siilo/>

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**IAANMP YEAR IN REVIEW 2025: (SEE ATTACHED DOCUMENT)**

## **IAANMP 2025 Year in Review**

Author: Theresa Lowry Lehnen, RANP, IAANMP Editorial Officer

### **A Year of Growth, Leadership, and National Impact**

2025 was a landmark year for the Irish Association of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (IAANMP), defined by innovation, collaboration, and substantial progress in amplifying the voice and visibility of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners across Ireland.

As a national representative body for ANPs and AMPs, the IAANMP continued to lead with purpose and vision, championing advanced practice, supporting professional development, and promoting excellence in patient-centred care.

Throughout the year, the Association demonstrated its commitment to ensuring that advanced practitioners are recognised as key clinical leaders driving innovation, improving access to services, and shaping the evolving landscape of Irish healthcare.

### **Representation, Growth, and Advocacy**

Membership of the IAANMP grew exponentially in 2025, reflecting the expansion of ANMP posts across primary, secondary, and tertiary care. The Association now proudly represents 600 members. This growth mirrored the ongoing national recognition of advanced practice roles as essential components of Ireland's integrated and multidisciplinary model of healthcare delivery.

In 2025, the IAANMP took a leading role in shaping national workforce and policy decisions, engaging directly with government, the Department of Health, the HSE, the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI), the Irish Nurses and Midwives Organisation (INMO), and academic experts. These strategic collaborations ensured that ANPs and AMPs had a strong, influential voice, advancing the expansion of advanced practice, professional recognition, and driving sustained investment in role development across Ireland.

The Association collaborated with Tile Media on their TG4 production-"Altraí na hÉireann", further promoting the visibility and impact of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners at a national level. In addition, IAANMP committee officers were involved in the E-STAR online survey project, a national research initiative evaluating the standards and requirements for advanced practice in Ireland, contributing valuable insights to inform future policy and workforce planning.

Through its strategic partnerships and national presence, the IAANMP continued to influence health policy and promote the role of advanced practitioners in delivering safe, effective, and accessible care aligned with national healthcare reform.

### **The IAANMP Advanced Practice Supplement**

A defining achievement of 2025 was the introduction and continued success of the IAANMP Advanced Practice Supplement, published within *Nursing in Practice Ireland* Journal. In collaboration with GreenCross Publications, Denise Doherty, Editor of *Nursing in Practice*

*Ireland* (NiPI), IAAANMP Chair Melissa Hammond, and the IAAANMP Committee, Theresa Lowry Lehnen (RANP) initiated the concept that led to the establishment of the supplement and continues to play an editorial role in its ongoing development and publication.

The IAAANMP Advanced Practice Supplement provides a professional forum for ANMPs to share evidence-based practice, research findings, clinical innovations, and reflective professional insights, and highlights the influence and impact of advanced practitioners across the healthcare sectors.

The supplement has significantly enhanced the visibility of advanced practice in Ireland and has become a cornerstone of professional communication and engagement for IAAANMP ANMPs. Its success reflects the collective strength of Ireland's advanced practice community.

### **Professional Development and Education: IAAANMP Webinars via MedCafe**

Education and professional growth remained a priority for the IAAANMP in 2025. In collaboration with MedCafe, the Association delivered a series of live and recorded webinars that reached and engaged advanced practitioners across Ireland, providing high-quality, evidence-based continuing professional development (CPD).

The MedCafe platform provides flexible and accessible learning opportunities that support the educational needs of ANMPs across diverse clinical settings. These webinars reflect members' strong commitment to lifelong learning and reinforce the IAAANMP's reputation as a leading provider of high-quality professional education for advanced practitioners.

### **Digital Transformation: The Siilo Platform**

2025 saw the introduction of the Siilo Platform, a secure and interactive digital space developed to strengthen communication, engagement, and resource sharing across the IAAANMP membership. The initiative was set up for members by Dona Liza Cromar, RANP and IAAANMP Committee Officer.

Siilo serves as a modern, digital hub where members can access Association news, policy updates, educational materials, and event information. The platform also facilitates real-time collaboration and networking through discussion forums and professional communities.

The launch of Siilo represented a major step forward in the Association's digital strategy, fostering connectivity and engagement across Ireland's advanced practice network. It reflects the IAAANMP's commitment to digital innovation and to creating inclusive, interactive environments that support professional dialogue and peer collaboration.

### **IAANMP updated Website**

The IAAANMP updated its website in 2025 to provide a more streamlined, informative, and engaging experience for members and visitors. The refreshed site reflects IAAANMP's ongoing commitment to supporting the professional development, collaboration, and visibility of Advanced Nurse Practitioners and Advanced Midwife Practitioners across Ireland.

The updated website features improved navigation and expanded content, including sections on membership, the IAANMP Supplement in *Nursing in Practice Ireland*, webinars, a national repository, education updates, news and events, and professional resources. These enhancements ensure members have easy access to key information, clinical guidance, and updates relevant to advanced practice.

Showcasing the growth of advanced practice in Ireland, IAANMP now represents 600 advanced practitioners across more than 30 specialist areas. The updated website serves as a central hub for communication, research, and innovation, promoting excellence in advanced nursing and midwifery practice nationwide.

### **IAANMP Social Media Influence**

In 2025, the IAANMP strengthened its digital presence and influence through its active LinkedIn and X (Twitter) platforms, highlighting the achievements of Advanced Practitioners, and fostering professional collaboration. Throughout the year, IAANMP's social media networks engaged a growing audience of practitioners, educators, and healthcare leaders, amplifying the voice of Advanced Practice in Ireland. Regular posts showcased clinical insights, policy developments, and member achievements, fostering leadership, innovation, and advocacy across the profession.

### **GDPR/ Data Protection**

The IAANMP updated its GDPR Policy in 2025 to reflect current data protection standards and best practices. The updated policy ensures full compliance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Irish data protection laws, reinforcing the Association's commitment to transparency, accountability, and the secure handling of personal data. The IAANMP collects and processes only the information necessary for membership, communication, and organisational purposes, safeguarding all data through secure systems and limited authorised access. Personal information is never shared with third parties without explicit consent, and members retain the right to access, correct, or request deletion of their data at any time.

### **The 2025 IAANMP National Conference**

The 2025 IAANMP National Conference was a standout highlight of the year, marking one of the association's most successful events to date. It attracted record attendance from across the advanced practice community, academia, and healthcare leadership, showcasing the growing impact and reach of advanced practice in Ireland.

The 21<sup>st</sup> annual conference provided an important forum for knowledge exchange, showcasing advanced practice innovation, Irish research, and service development projects that demonstrated the measurable impact of ANPs and AMPs on healthcare delivery.

Key themes included strengthening and evolving the *Advanced Practice Model of Care, clinical competence, leadership, innovation, education, and wellbeing*.

Delegates engaged in panel discussions, interactive sessions, and keynote presentations that reinforced the leadership role of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners in shaping the future of Irish healthcare. The conference also celebrated professional achievement through

the presentation of the **IAANMP Bernie Carpenter Bursary Awards** to **Ms Sarah Daly** (Respiratory RANP) and **Ms Hannah Walsh** (Emergency RANP), recognising their outstanding contributions to clinical excellence and research.

The Poster Competition Awards further highlighted the innovation, scholarship, and clinical leadership demonstrated by practitioners across a range of specialties. **First prize was awarded to Gemma Finegan**, cANP Paediatric Emergency Medicine, Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, for her poster titled ***“What is the Current Level of Nurses’ Knowledge Regarding Paediatric Fever, and How Do Nurses in a General Hospital Paediatric Setting Approach Its Management in Clinical Practice?”*** **Second prize** was presented to **Avril Gannon**, cANP Respiratory, Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore, for her poster on ***“COPD Admission Avoidance Winter Initiative.”*** **Third prize** was awarded to **Niamh Orla Finan**, RANP, Brothers of Charity Services Ireland - West Region, for her poster ***“ANP - Transforming Care for Adults with Intellectual Disabilities.”***

Together, these awards and presentations showcased the depth of expertise, innovation, and dedication within Ireland’s advanced practice community. The 2025 IAANMP National Conference reflected the Association’s ongoing commitment to professional excellence, leadership, and the advancement of clinical innovation and healthcare reform nationwide.

Overall, the 2025 IAANMP National Conference reflected the Association’s unwavering commitment to professional excellence, leadership, and advancement. It highlighted the IAANMP’s pivotal role in driving the national conversation on clinical innovation, healthcare reform, and the ongoing evolution of the advanced practice model of care in Ireland.

### **Policy Engagement: Submission to DOH on recommendation 28**

Thank you to the Chief Nursing Officer at the Department of Health for inviting the IAANMP to submit our vision in response to Recommendation 28 of the *Report of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery*. We also extend our sincere thanks to all who contributed to the recent survey on education pathways for advanced practice and senior nursing leadership roles.

**Recommendation 28:** *To inform continued strategic implementation and development of advanced nursing and midwifery practice, a further evaluation of the impact of advanced practice across the system should be commissioned by the Department of Health and HSE within two years (4 years post-implementation of the Policy on the Development of Graduate to Advanced Nursing and Midwifery Practice).*

The IAANMP welcomed the opportunity to make the submission to the Department of Health on recommendation 28 of the Expert Review Body on Nursing and Midwifery report as this aligns with the future development, integration, and sustainability of Advanced Practice roles within Ireland’s health and social care system. Since its establishment, IAANMP has been dedicated to advancing the role of Advanced Nurse and Midwife Practitioners (ANMPs) as pivotal leaders in delivering high-quality, evidence-based, and person-centred care.

This submission was submitted in December 2025 to the Department of Health, and is available on the IAANMP Website for our members to read.

**Purpose of the IANMP submission:** To align existing legislation and policy with the recommendations of the Expert Review Body (ERB) on Nursing and Midwifery (2022) by formally recognising that all registered nurses and midwives can act as independent practitioners within their defined scope of practice under the Nurses and Midwives Act 2011 and the Health Act 1970.

### **Irish Context from the view of IANMP members practicing on the ground**

Ireland's nursing and midwifery workforce is the largest and most widely distributed professional group in health service delivery. The ERB Report (2022) and Sláintecare (2019–2023) both call for a rebalanced model of care, moving from hospital to community and from dependence to professional autonomy. Current legislation and policy already enable independent practice but have yet to be activated at scale.

ANMPs have consistently demonstrated their capacity to improve patient outcomes, enhance service efficiency, and contribute to workforce innovation across both acute and community care settings.

This submission outlines key recommendations to strengthen the Advanced Practice framework in Ireland, including strategies to:

- Support the continued growth and equitable distribution of ANMP posts across all healthcare settings.
- Ensure sustainable pathways for education, mentorship, and clinical supervision.
- Recognise and expand the leadership and research contributions of ANMPs in shaping national healthcare policy.
- Promote the integration of advanced practice roles in addressing system pressures, such as waiting lists, chronic disease management, and access to care.

IANMP believes that fully realising the potential of Advanced Practice will not only improve access to care and patient outcomes but will also support a more resilient, responsive, and modern health system, aligned with Sláintecare goals and the Department's vision for high-quality, person-centred, and integrated healthcare.

We look forward to continued collaboration with the Department of Health and other stakeholders to advance this critical agenda and ensure that Advanced Practice continues to thrive as a cornerstone of healthcare delivery in Ireland.

### **Innovation and Clinical Excellence**

2025 was a year defined by innovation, with ANMPs leading transformative initiatives across multiple healthcare settings. From chronic disease prevention and management to respiratory, cardiovascular, women's and men's health, emergency department and mental health services, cancer care, and beyond, ANMPs continued to pioneer service improvements that enhanced access, improved quality, and enriched the patient experience.

The IANMP proudly celebrated these achievements, recognising that ANMPs embody the principles of evidence-based, autonomous, and patient-centred care. Many practitioners

contributed to audit, quality improvement, and research initiatives that informed national standards and clinical policy.

Through its national conference, policy engagement, advanced practice supplement, and digital channels, the IAANMP amplified these successes, ensuring that the contributions of advanced practitioners were acknowledged and valued within Ireland's healthcare system.

### **Looking Forward to 2026**

As 2025 drew to a close, the IAANMP celebrated a year of remarkable growth, innovation, and professional achievement. Looking ahead to 2026, the Association is committed to consolidating these successes and further strengthening the foundations laid over the past year, driving continued advancement in advanced practice across Ireland.

Plans for 2026 include the continued publication of the *IAANMP Advanced Practice Supplement* within *Nursing in Practice Ireland*, increased collaboration via the Siilo Platform, and the expansion of educational initiatives via MedCafe webinars and digital resources. The IAANMP is committed to deepening partnerships with government bodies, nursing and midwifery leaders, and academic experts to drive policy development, champion research, and support the sustained growth and advancement of advanced practice roles across Ireland.

The IAANMP reaffirms its commitment to representing and supporting advanced practitioners, advocating for continued investment in advanced practice roles, and ensuring that ANMPs remain central to the delivery of safe, effective, and person-centred healthcare in Ireland.

**Acknowledgement:** The IAANMP Committee extends its heartfelt appreciation to all members for their professionalism, dedication, and leadership throughout 2025. Your expertise, innovation, and commitment to excellence continue to define the strength of the advanced practice community and to inspire progress across the Irish healthcare system.

**Together, we advance practice, empower leadership, and strengthen our collective voice. Together, we shape the future of healthcare in Ireland.**

**#StrongerTogether**

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