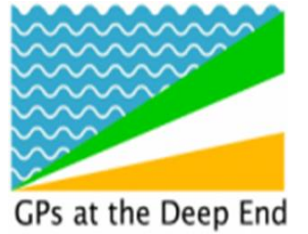


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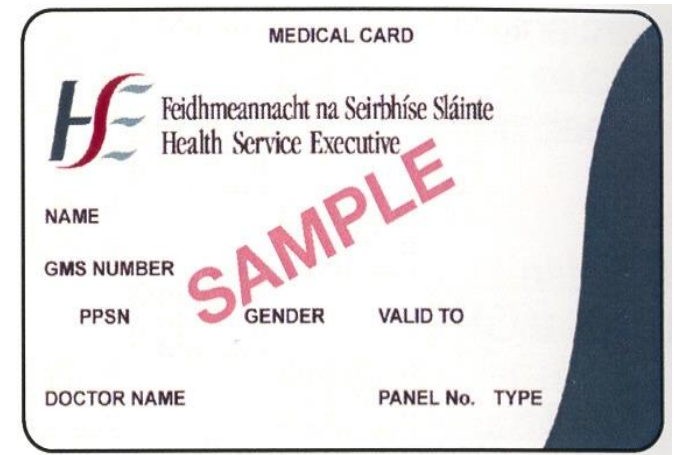
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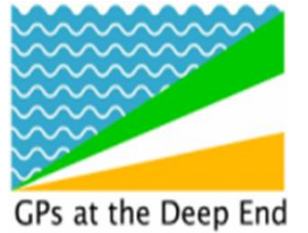
The Irish Context



- Health system
- Cutbacks during recession
- GP recruitment & retention
- GP contract negotiations
- Slaintecare



Beginning & Growth



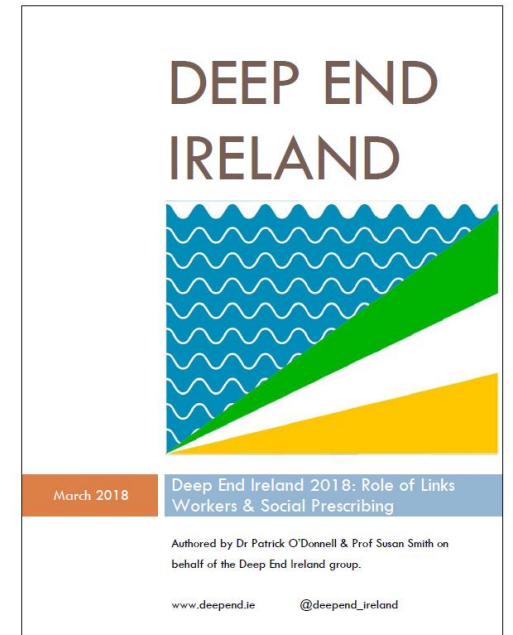
- Began in Dublin
 - Aimed to share experiences
 - Contacted Deep End in Glasgow
 - Difficulties identifying who is Deep End in Ireland
 - First formal meeting 2012 (Dr Petra Sambale)
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- Regular Committee & CPD meetings
 - Engagement with ICGP
 - Formal launch meeting 2016 (Prof Graham Watt)
 - Annual meeting 2018 (Linkworkers, Dr Maria Duffy)



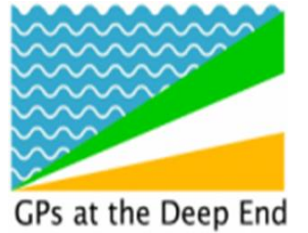
Campaigns

- New GP contract negotiations & deprivation payments
- Links workers
- Children at the Deep End (2019 meeting)

- GP Unions IMO & NAGP
- Presenting to Oireacteas Committees
- Meeting TDs locally & nationally
- Media engagement
- Annual reports

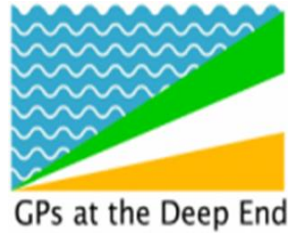


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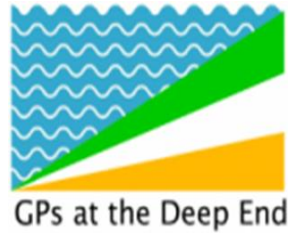
- Fully functioning primary care teams in disadvantaged areas
- Strong primary care infrastructure in deprived areas
- GP supports including:
 - more consultation time
 - deprivation weighted capitation payments
 - salaried GPs
 - additional practice nurses and administrative staff
- Improved access to diagnostics and other secondary care services

Challenges



- Health system context
- Contract uncertainty
- Difficulties identifying who is Deep End in Ireland
- Geographical spread

The Future



- High public satisfaction levels in GP
- Some advances in chronic disease management
- Deep End Ireland numbers growing

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