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Engaged Research Case Study Template

Health & Wellbeing

Project Title	Systematic Approach to improving care for Frail Older patients
Project synopsis (100 words max) Please give a very short description of the societal challenge, the action taken, and the intended/ achieved result.	The SAFE project aims to explore current problems with care pathways for older people presenting to St Vincent’s University Hospital. A best practice pathway for the care of frail older people in acute hospitals is being developed. Substantial input for this comes from a patient and public involvement group who ensure that patient priorities and perspectives is driving the development of the care pathway ensuring that this model of care will achieve outcomes that are important to patients/families.
University:	University College Dublin
Engaged Research Partners (civic, civil society organisations, Social enterprises, public or professional service or product users, policy makers, members of the public).	Glór and Age Action SAGE-Support and Advocacy for Older People OPEN-Older Peoples Empowerment Network DFI- Disability Federation of Ireland FCI- Family Carers Ireland SVUH-St Vincent’s University Hospital
Engagement (research method or activity) (100 words max)	A strong partnership has been developing between UCD researchers (School of Medicine and School of Nursing, Midwifery and Health Systems) and knowledge users at St Vincent’s University Hospital (SVUH), along with collaborators in the community, rehabilitation facilities and patient advocacy groups. Public and Patient Involvement (PPI) is central to this project. Our PPI partners are involved in the co-design of the improved pathways for delivery of care to frail older patients in acute hospitals, building on the acute frailty unit model, with PPI as a central tenet enabling the development of a truly patient-centred evidence-based and integrated model of care.



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<p>Project outputs and outcomes: (600 words max) Please describe briefly the target audience and activities that occurred and short terms results. This information could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • who you worked with; • issue to be addressed • what actions you took; • the geographical location; • any shorter-term outcomes or changes in local situation and circumstances, knowledge and skills attitudes or behaviour, policy, practice, organisational development etc, decision-making. 	<p>This project is currently ongoing, with an anticipated end date of April 2019.</p> <p>The outputs planned include the development of a best practice model for delivery of care to frail older patients in acute hospitals Other outputs will be identified and developed in consultation with all partners.</p>
<p>Longer term anticipated areas for Impact (Choose from below): Economic Policy & Public Service Societal Engagement Health & Wellbeing Professional services Environmental New knowledge Human Capacity</p>	<p>Health & Wellbeing New knowledge</p>
<p>Funding source:</p>	<p>Health Research Board Applied Partnership Awards (APA)</p>
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