

National Paediatric Hospital Development Board Members



Fiona Ross
CHAIR

Ms. Ross is an experienced public and private sector Chair and Non-Executive Director, having served on 17 Boards in Ireland and the UK over the past ten years. In 2018 she was appointed by the Government to Chair Córas Iompair Éireann (CIÉ) and was re-appointed for second term in June 2021. Fiona is also a member of the Board of the HSE where she serves on the HSE audit and risk committee. In the UK Fiona serves as a Non-Executive Director at The Scottish Government and in May 2020 Fiona was appointed by the UK Government to serve on the Board of Network Rail.



Mr John McGowan

Mr McGowan is a Chartered Engineer, and a former President of Engineers Ireland, and of the Irish Academy of Engineers. Originally working with Jacobs International, his last role was project director on the EPCM of Intel's Fab10. He subsequently moved to Intel Ireland, spending four years as the Facility Manager on the Leixlip campus, before being appointed General Manager of Intel Ireland. After three years, he was transferred to co-leading Intel's global Corporate Services group, based in Phoenix AZ, responsible for the ongoing delivery of new wafer fabs etc across the globe, with a typical annual spend of 5b. He spent three years as Managing Director of McNamara construction, before establishing his own consultancy service, working as a non-executive director for a series of engineering companies, including DPS Engineering Ltd.



Mr Michael Shelly

Mr Shelly is a Chartered Engineer and Chartered Director with 45 years' experience in the construction industry in Ireland and internationally. He is currently the Chairman of Tobin Consulting Engineers and also works as a consultant in project management. He spent most of his career with PM Group; the Irish based international engineering and project management consultants. He has worked as a project manager and project director on the delivery of major capital projects across many sectors and geographies. He played a key role in the international development of PM Group, at one stage heading up PM Group Operations in Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Michael was an Executive Director of PM Group for 18 years.

Michael qualified as an engineer from NUIG and then completed a M.Sc. in Engineering Structures in Trinity College. He has also qualified as a Chartered Director with The Institute of Directors.



Mr Tim Bouchier-Hayes

Mr. Bouchier-Hayes is the Vice Chair of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board, he is a solicitor and former partner in McCann FitzGerald Solicitors and headed the firm's Construction Law Group for 15 years. Currently, he is a consultant and holds a number of company director positions. Director of the Land Development Agency. From 2012 to 2018 he was Ireland's member of the International Court of Arbitration International Chamber of Commerce, Paris. Mediator and Conciliator, member of IPOS Mediation.



Mr Karl Kent

Mr Kent is a Registered Architect and Fellow of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland (FRIAI). He is a consultant architect-planner with Doyle Kent Planning Partnership Ltd since early 2012, following completion at the end of December 2011 of two terms of office as a Member and deputy Chairperson on An Bord Pleanála. Mr Kent was a Member of the Strategic Infrastructure Division of An Bord Pleanála from its establishment in January 2007 until his retirement from the Board.



Mr. Brian Keogh

Mr Keogh is a Chartered Civil Engineer (U.C.D. 1972), a European Engineer and a Fellow of the Institute of Engineers in Ireland. He retired from John Sisk & Son Ltd in 2012 after 40 years' service in the Construction Industry, having served on the Main Board since 1990. During his time on the Board he held the position of Director of Civil Engineering and Director of Health & Safety, Quality & Environmental Management. His experience covered a wide variety of construction projects ranging from Industrial, Commercial, Shopping Centres, Hospitals, Healthcare, Pharmaceutical, Residential, Bridges, Airports, TV Studios, Hotels, Harbours, Waste Treatment Plants, Windfarms and Tunnels, and in particular some major capital projects. He served on the board of several Sisk associated companies and joint ventures and has worked-on projects in Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Germany and Poland.

Brian has experience in a wide variety of construction type contracts including Design and Build, Management Contracting, Early Contractor Involvement, Public and Private Partnership and Guaranteed Maximum Price. He was board member of the Dragados Sisk Joint Venture for a considerable section of the Crossrail tunnel in London.

Brian is a Board member of the Digital Hub Development Agency since 2016 and he also Chairs the Property Committee. From 2017 to 2019 he served as a member of the Procurement Board for the National Broadband Plan. He was appointed to the Board of the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board in February 2021.



Mr John Cole CBE

Mr Cole CBE is an architect by profession and currently acts as an independent Strategic Client Adviser. He was previously an Under-Secretary at the DHSSPS(NI) and Chief Estates Officer for the Health Estates Investment Group (HEIG), in which roles he was responsible for the procurement and implementation of many major health facilities in Northern Ireland. He is a former chairman of the European Health Property Network.

John previously held the presidency of the Royal Society of Ulster Architects and is currently a Council member of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA). In 2014, he was appointed as an Honorary Professor to the School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering at the Queen's University of Belfast. He has chaired a number of public inquiries and is the author of several recent major reports on the state of the Construction Industry. In 2018, he was appointed as an adviser to the Scottish Government on a review of the effectiveness of Building Regulations in Scotland.



Ms Anne Butler

Ms Butler is a Chartered Engineer and a former President of the Institution of Engineers of Ireland. A founding Director of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), she was on its board for ten years. After ten years with the EPA, Ms Butler established an environmental consultancy/advisory service where she specialises in environmental and regulatory matters, as well as strategy development and implementation. Ms Butler is on the Board of the ESB and on the Governing Body of the Dublin Institute of Technology.



Mr Michael Barry

Mr. Barry is a Chartered Accountant, Chartered Director and holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree from University College Cork. He retired in 2019 from the role of Chief Financial Officer of Bord na Mona PLC, having held that position for 13 years. He was also Interim Managing Director of the Company in 2017/2018.

Prior to that Michael held several senior financial positions in Ireland, the UK and the United States in a range of industries including Pharmaceuticals, Medical devices and Hospitality. He completed his accountancy training with PricewaterhouseCoopers in Cork.



Mr Liam Woods

A native of Dublin, Mr Woods is a UCD graduate and a qualified Chartered Accountant. Prior to joining the health services, he worked in the private sector in an accounting and consultancy organisation. He joined the health services in 1999 as Financial Director of the Eastern Regional Health Authority, serving in this post until the ERHA became part of the Health Service Executive in January 2005. Liam has been the Director of Finance of the HSE for an eight-year period, Director of Health Business Services for a year and appointed as Interim Director of Acute Services in January 2015.