



**College of Psychiatrists
of Ireland**

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Service Users and Family Members/Carers of Service Users

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is seeking interest from family members/ carers of people who have used mental health services to join a forum.

The College of Psychiatrists of Ireland is the sole & accredited body in Ireland for training and professional competence assurance for psychiatrists. The College also strives to focus its work on achievement of the highest standards within mental health services in line with 'A Vision for Change'.

With a Recovery perspective and commitment to partnership within mental health services, the College has a forum for Service Users and Family Members/ Carers of Service Users named REFOCUS (Recovery Experience Forum of Carers and Users of the Services). This group aims to provide input into College activity and policies to ensure they are informed by the experiences and perspectives identified by service users and their family members. The Forum meets four- five times a year. Members of this Forum are asked to actively participate at meetings and may be involved in particular projects for the Forum and the College. See the College REFOCUS web section for further detail:

<http://www.irishpsychiatry.ie/Ext-Affairs-Policy/REFOCUSCPsychI.aspx>

The Forum needs two new family members/ carers to join the existing 16 members.

We would welcome expressions of interest. Those interested are invited to send details of personal experience and reasons for interest to **Ms Sibéal Farrell, Communications Assistant, External Affairs and Policy** by 1pm, Friday 10th October 2014.

By email: sfarrell@irishpsychiatry.ie

By Fax: 01 662 9677

By Post: College of Psychiatrists of Ireland, 5 Herbert Street, Dublin 2

Informal enquiries to Sibéal Farrell at 01 661 8450 or sfarrell@irishpsychiatry.ie

Please note that applicants may be asked to meet with members of REFOCUS to discuss their possible involvement in the Forum.

Membership of the Forum is on a voluntary basis with agreed expenses for participation.