

HIV Ireland National Conference :

“HIV, Social Inclusion, Stigma, and Social Policy”

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**‘HIV Stigma, Social Inclusion and the ‘Migrant’
Community’.**

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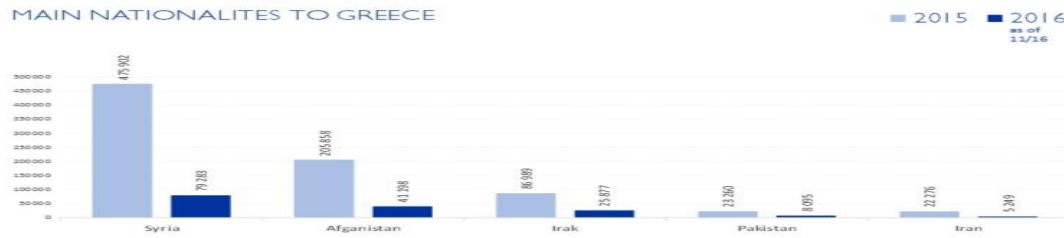
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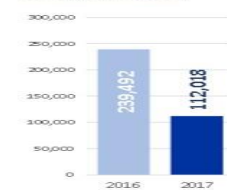
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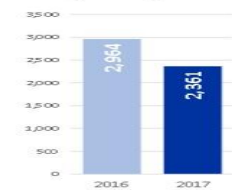
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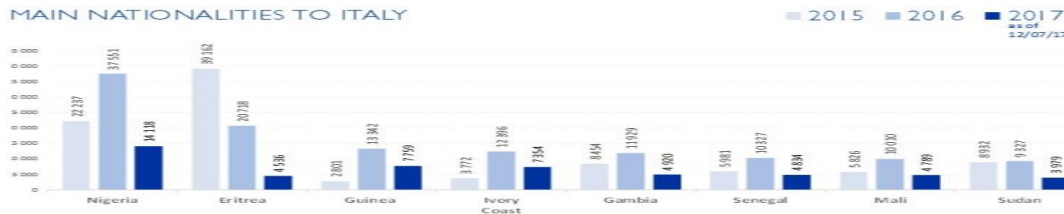
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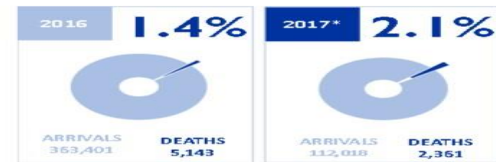
DEATHS FROM 1 JAN TO 23 JULY



MAIN NATIONALITIES TO ITALY



PERCENTAGE OF FATALITIES



*TO 23/07/17

Migration means of access...

Who or what is a 'migrant'?

- Immigration Processes – Visas, work / study permit, others
- In the main - rigid administrative system (? Overly bureaucratic, complex / lengthy, ?? Person centred?? - Economy / society

Protection System

- 6 ways of getting access into the Irish protection system:
 1. Existing Refugee Programme – “Programme Refugees”
 2. Medical Programme Refugees
 3. “Ordinary” Asylum Seekers
 4. Family Reunification Programme / other mechanisms
 5. ‘No status’ – e.g. ‘undocumented’
 6. IRPP programme – “ EU Relocation & Resettlement”

Understanding the complexity....migration, 'refugeedom' living or affected by HIV

- Intersectionality - *common experiences – challenges and opportunities* -
- *In general an ambiguity exists in the use of language & terminology within the discourse of ethnic diversity, health & migration at practice, research and policy level – then consider adding HIV issues*
- What are the consequences and impact for people ?
- Categorizations – by whom / what / FOR WHAT PURPOSE?
(administrative, social, cultural, language, medicalization immigration status)
- Ethnic minorities, migrants, refugees NOT homogenous groups – terminology /definitions - attention to the diversity '*within*' and '*between*' migrant groups.

Understanding the complexity.... (contd).

- Intersectionality (contd).
- *In the first instance are people affected by or living with HIV coming forward for support, advocacy , services etc ?*
- Labelling, Stigma, Taboo, “othering”
- Entitlements - basic Needs – *‘who is entitled to what? ‘Rights’ - Citizen V’s Non-Citizen – Questions for Health professionals / Services*
- *WHAT IS THE IMPACT ON CLIENTS, HEALTH / SOCIAL CARE STAFF / SERVICES.....SOCIETY ?*

Balseskin Reception Centre

- Is the largest of the Dublin Reception centres opened in late 2001 for newly arrived asylum seekers.
- Direct Provision System & Dispersal Policy (Dept. Justice Equality & Law Reform (Reception & Integration Agency)).
- Health centre opened in April 2002 – Health Service Executive.
- It is situated on a 7 acre purpose built site (North Dublin beside airport)
- Port-a-cabin-style units – shared accommodation & communal dining / social areas.
- Maximum number of residents: 369







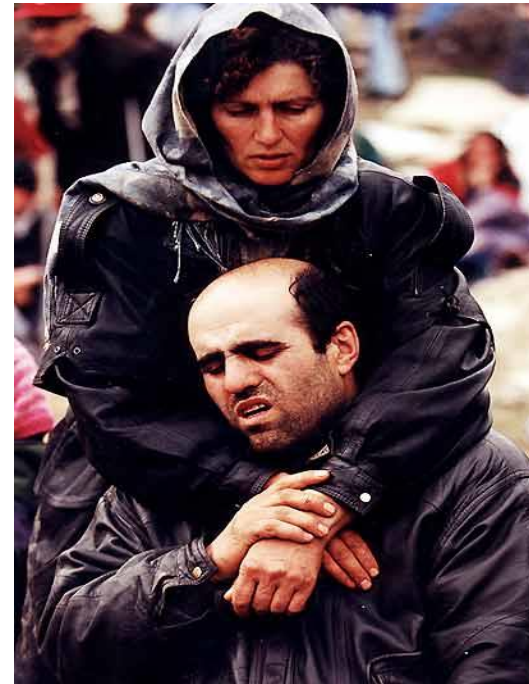
Dignity

*‘Quality of being
worthy of respect’
‘self-importance’
‘pride’ ‘self-esteem’
self-respect’*



Migrant Healthcare – vulnerability?

- **‘Push & Pull’ Factors**
- **Experiences prior to arrival, en route, current – regardless of migrant status**
- **Cultural adaptation**
- **Physical /Psychological**
- **At risk sub-groups**
- **Loss & Bereavement**
- **Trauma / Torture**
- **Security / Safety / Trust**
- **Access to services**
- **Effects of asylum process**
- **Future Prospects**



WHY?

Obligations :

- Moral & Ethical
- Professional
- Statutory & Legislative

What factors are negatively impacting on these obligations?



HSE Primary Care Services at Baleskin

Health Screening Assessment

(voluntary / confidential / separate to A/S process)

- Community Nursing & Midwifery
- P.H. / Medical GP service
- HSE Social Work
- HSE Psychology
- HSE Children's services (pre-school, play therapy)
- HSE PHN
- HSE Funded Activities Co-ordinator / project
- Community Partnership with NGO / Voluntary Agencies



Health Screening assessment

What does it involve?

- Voluntary / confidential / separate to A/S Process:
- T.B. Questionnaire / BCG check - CXR referral
- Blood test - HIV, Hepatitis B&C, VZV, Rubella (others)
- Child health - e.g. Vaccination Hx, child Health / Dev.
- Midwifery Ante-natal / post natal assessment / Referrals
- Specialist Referrals (ID / GUIDE, Psychology / Psychiatry Paediatrics / Child Dev / Dental, Drug Tx Service)
- Psycho - social assessment / Referrals - : HSE Specialist Psychology Service for Refugees / Asylum Seekers and / or HSE Primary care social worker.
- GP Practice referrals from screening team / self – referrals
- Initial screening in reception phase - followed -up in re-location areas -
- Patient advocacy role (health services, legal / humanitarian)
- Public health role / health promotion.

2016 HSE Refugee Clinic Baleskin

- No. of people accommodated: 1,823
- No. invited for health screening assessment: 1,682
- No. attended health screening: 1,377
- Reviews / Recalls / Emergencies: 2,029
- Total No. of Interventions (MDTs): 3,057
- **Overall total** 6,463
- **80+% Total uptake of voluntary health screening**

- **Cohorts Accommodated at Baleskin:**

Asylum seekers, Convention refugees, Programme Refugees, Permanent Medical Resettlement Cases (UNHCR evacuees), Human Trafficking, pending deportees, IRPP cohorts (Syrian / Iraqi ex- Greece & Lebanon)

- **Countries of Origin: :**

Nigeria, D.R. Congo, Zimbabwe, Albania, Algeria, Malawi, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Palestine.

HIV (Baleskin Clinic) 2002- 2017 (August)

- 380 diagnosed cases of HIV since commencement
- Gender - 70% female / 30% male
- Main countries of origin: Zimbabwe, Sth. Africa, Nigeria, Malawi, Cameroon, DRC (Congo)
- Referral to HIV / ID Specialist Teams for review and Treatment
- Engagement with HIV sector: Community Based organisations, advocacy groups, NGOs, peer led initiatives;
- CNSp Role: *(client caseload, education, advocacy, research, consultancy)*
- Historical – Community Development / Primary Care model: Open Heart House Outreach, DAA (HIV Ireland Outreach), HIV Nurses Group, one-to one client work.

HIV advocacy / awareness work in Baleskin

- Early 2000's - AIDS & Mobility Europe www.aidsmobility.org
- NFP – Irish Network - pan-EU Projects specifically targeted at mobile and migrant populations living with or affected by HIV
- Set up national network - of HIV sector stakeholders – including PLWHIV, clinicians, NGOs, Baleskin clinic, HSE
- Irish contributions to working groups / conferences / seminars and production of resources
- Informed and contributed to the Education and Prevention subgroup of NASC

Health and social care provision....

“The elephant in the room”
(ETHNOCENTRISM)

We need to look at ourselves
& how we do things

- Socio-Cultural
- Political / Legal
- Organisations / Systems
- Professional Education
- Leadership / ‘Ignorance’

“HEARTS & MINDS”

Cultural competence

Partnership +

Empowerment = **Equality**

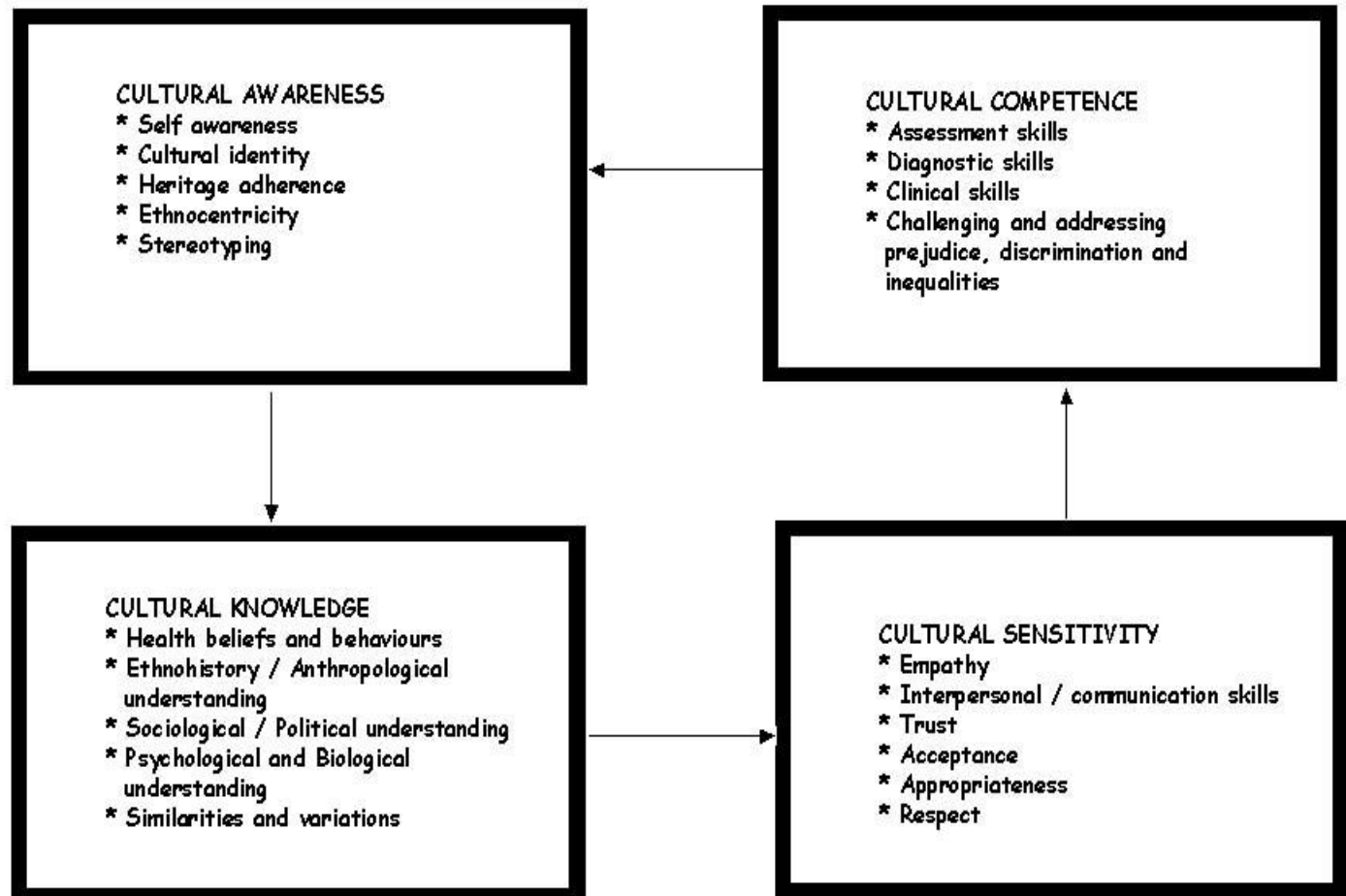


PTT Model for Developing Cultural Competence - Underpinning Values used in Migrant Health (Papadopoulos Tilki Taylor 1998)

- Human Rights
- Socio-Political Systems
- Intercultural Relations
- Human Ethics
- Human Caring

“The failure to provide culturally appropriate services is not always deliberate but is underpinned by ethnocentricity which assumes people of other cultures find mainstream provision acceptable and effective”

The Papadopoulos, Tilki and Taylor Model for Developing Transcultural Nursing Competence



(Papadopoulos I, Tilki M and Taylor G, 1998)

Globalisation has resulted in a shift in thinking...for us as individuals, professionals and organisations...



Where are YOU positioned as a client, health professional, manager, organisation in this process?



National immigration law is often the arena where human rights and national self interests clash and the principle of promoting the best interests of vulnerable groups can be over looked.

Useful Sources of Information

- www.icn.ch
- www.unhcr.org
- www.healthequity.ie
- www.tnn.ie
- <http://www.europeantransculturalnurses.eu>
- <http://www.hpsc.ie/A-Z/SpecificPopulations/Migrants/>
- www.hse.ie

- Further statistical information on asylum system / refugees.
- www.inis.gov.ie
- www.ria.gov.ie
- www.integration.ie
- <http://www.integration.ie/website/omi/omiwebv6.nsf/page/statistics-en>
- www.equality.ie
- www.mrci.ie
- www.unhcr.org
- www.pavepoint.ie
- www.irishrefugeecouncil.ie
- www.cso.ie (Central Statistics Office)

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