

CENTRE FOR AGEING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN IRELAND

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UK AGE RESEARCH FORUM

Who are we?

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- CARDI – the Centre for Ageing Research and Development in Ireland
- Developed and overseen by Ireland wide Steering Group
- Funded by:
 - ▣ The Atlantic Philanthropies
 - ▣ R&D Office, Northern Ireland
 - ▣ Department of Health & Children in Dublin.
- Staff Team - 5
- Launched March 2008

CARDI's Mission



To advocate and advance the ageing research agenda by identifying, coordinating, stimulating and communicating strategic research on ageing and older people as a means to improve the lives of older people in Ireland (North and South) especially those who are disadvantaged.

CARDI's Approach



- All-Ireland approach
- Cross-discipline focus
- Identify, stimulate and co-ordinate
- Support research to inform policy and practice
- Promote the value of cross-sectoral working
- Advocate on why ageing research matters

The state of play of Ageing Research

CARDI's mapping exercise found:

- 180 pieces of research on ageing
 - ▣ heavy concentration on biomedical/health issues
- followed by:
 - ▣ social aspects
 - ▣ care systems
- Only 2% were cross-border
- Few were inter-disciplinary

CARDI Funding Programme

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Aim

To advance the ageing research agenda in Ireland, North and South.

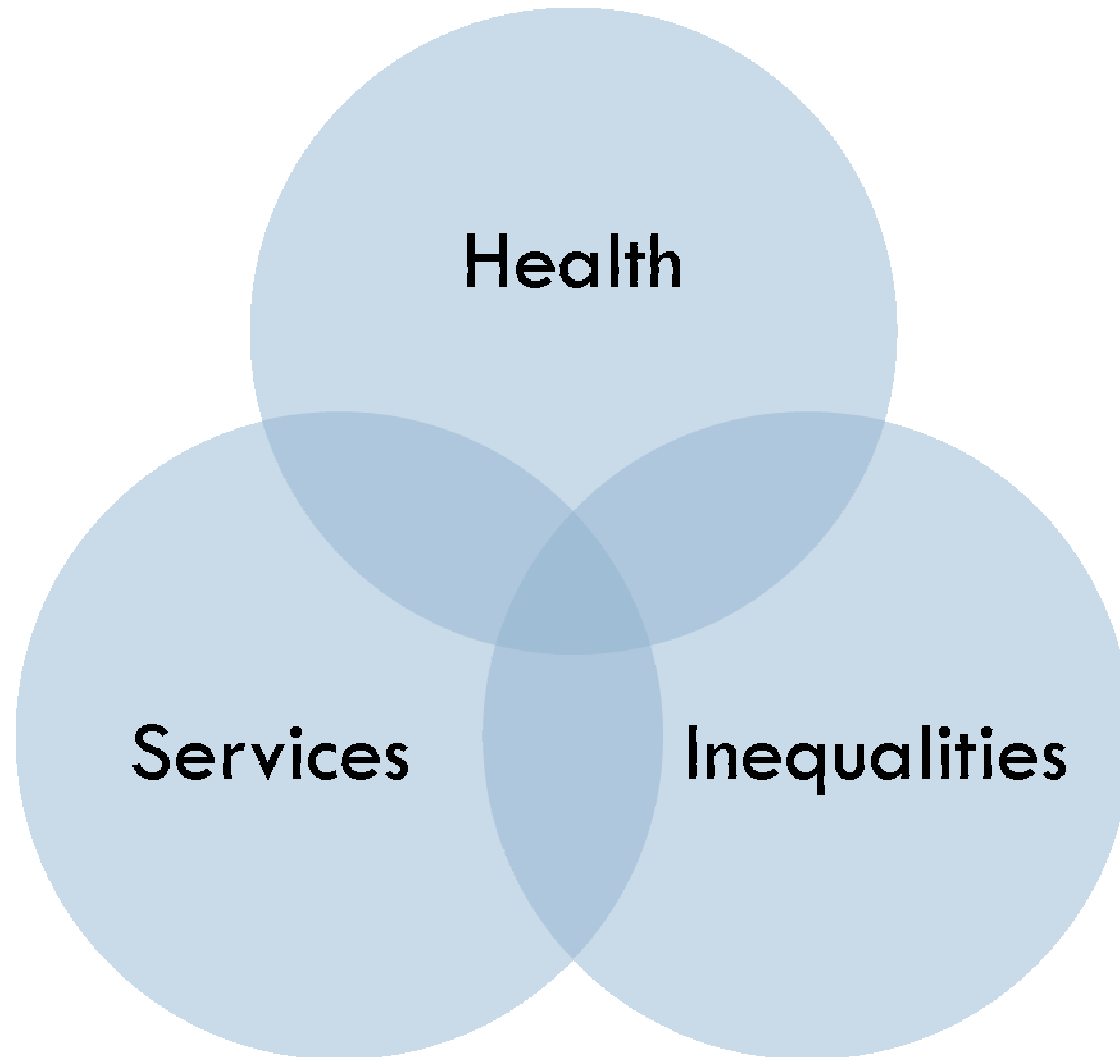
Objectives

- To support and enable cross-border and inter-disciplinary research collaboration
- To stimulate research activity within a policy and practice context in Ireland
- To increase the capacity of the ageing research community in Ireland

Budget:

- €600,000 (average award: €15,000)

Funding Priority Areas



Welcoming Partnerships

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- CARDI is the secretariat to the Paul Beeson Award (through AFAR)
 - ▣ Value €339,390/£228,000 each year
- SPARC and CARDI have co-hosted 2 events showcasing Ageing Research across the UK and Ireland

From Small Acorns

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“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito”

- The Dalai Lama

Finally



□ Thank you for your
time and interest

□ www.cardi.ie