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CIDR Training Update

The majority of CIDR training was completed by the end of April, according to CIDR head trainer, Gillian Cullen.

“Training has gone very well so far and the response has been very positive. People can now really see the advantages of the new system, and are very impressed with the set-up, particularly the reporting aspects of CIDR,” she said.

A two day course has been devised for laboratory and clinical staff, while public health workers and NDSC staff receive an additional day’s coaching because they have more to do on the system.

Gillian Cullen also outlined a post training programme for CIDR users. “CD simulations will be available to help people practice on the system and to re-enforce learning. A separate CD has been designed for lab and public health users covering the key areas of CIDR to be used on a daily basis,” she said.

“Once the system goes live, other materials will be available. They include training manuals, on line user manuals, laminated quick guide sheets and expert advice from the CIDR Helpdesk which will handle both technical and business process queries,” she added.



Just watch me now...CIDR trainer Kate O'Donnell puts NDSC colleague, Mary Cronin through her paces at a CIDR training session.



Focused ... Carol Mongan and Lindsay Jones from the Virus Reference Laboratory take it all in during CIDR training.



Something to smile about... NDSC's Aline Brennan and Sarah Gee at a CIDR training session.



Hands on...Niall Delappe from the National Salmonella Reference Laboratory gets to grips with the CIDR system.



In safe hands... the CIDR training team. Back row l-r Gillian Cullen, Ajay Oza, Kate O'Donnell. Front row Barbara Foley and Stephen Murchan.

New committee to oversee pilot implementation

A new multidisciplinary steering committee to oversee the evaluation of CIDR pilot implementation has been established.

It will be chaired by the Mid Western Health Board's Director of Information

Services, Dick McMahon, who is also a member of the CIDR project board. The partner organisations and the Department of Health and Children are represented on the group, which is due to meet shortly.

CIDR Go Live

Good progress has been made over the past couple of months on making the design changes needed before CIDR goes live, according to the Head of the CIDR project, Dr Derval Igoe.

“A second phase of user acceptance testing has now been undertaken and pilot implementation is planned to start in May.”

“Over the summer months, the CIDR team plan to visit each Health Board and hold a day long workshop. This will give everyone a chance to try the system out for themselves,” she said.

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