

## **CISM Network Ireland Strategic Plan 2011-2013**

### **1.1 Mission Statement**

*A forum for the promotion and exchange of best practice information on CISM and information on standards, availability and provision of training for CISM*

CISM Network Ireland membership is open to individuals or organisations who reach a standard acceptable to the Network or organisations that seek to develop a coherent plan to achieve such a standard. The standards currently recognised by the Network include: International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF) certified by University of Maryland, Baltimore County); and the National Ambulance Service CISM Training Programme.

**1.2** To develop a National CISM Office/Centre to facilitate the following:

#### **1.3.1** To promote awareness of, education in, and research on, Critical Incident Stress Management in Ireland

- Facilitate best practice CISM training
- Commission, support and disseminate CISM-related research
- Develop and maintain a dedicated Network website
- Develop links, including affiliation, with relevant third level institutions
- Facilitate cross border interagency CISM strategies (all emergency services within the island of Ireland)
- Identify CISM resources currently within Network organisations and develop and maintain a database of these resources (i.e. emergency, military, voluntary and rescue)

#### **1.3.2** To make information on the subject available

- Hosting national and regional events to develop and disseminate this knowledge e.g. AGMs, conferences, workshops, guest speakers and Network website
- Publish and distribute the Irish Edition of the ICISF booklet entitled “*Critical Incident Stress Management for Emergency Personnel*”
- Disseminate information through the Network website and NSC members

#### **1.3.3** To provide a forum for co-ordinating activities and to support work of those individuals and organisations who are working in CISM

- Promote inter-agency CISM support
- Facilitate the sharing of policies and information (e.g. development of a single attendance record at CISM interventions).

#### **1.3.4** To monitor and appraise international practice in CISM

- Encourage/promote the application of best practice and use of agreed protocols/principles in CISM within Network members/organisation.
- Encourage attendance at, and share the learning from, national/international conferences
- Keep abreast with up-to-date research/literature review
- Invite key experts in the field to address CISM Network events

**1.3.5** To develop capacity for Critical Incident Stress Management, including education and training

- Develop a standardised/generic CISM guideline for principal response agencies (under the Major Emergency Management framework)
- Develop a certified CISM training or a course module within, and with accreditation to an affiliated body
- Establish CPD accreditation regarding hours attended at workshops and conferences

**1.3.6** To liaise with and to influence appropriate individuals/ bodies in support of the above objectives

- Identify potential government support resources (to include financial resources)