

## **Biography- Dr. Charles O' Mahony**

Dr Charles O'Mahony is a lecturer at the School of Law at the University of Galway (he was Head of School from 2017 to 2021). He delivers modules on Health Law and Policy, International & Comparative Disability Rights, Law for Health Professionals, and An Introduction to the Irish Legal System. Current research projects explore access to justice for persons with disabilities, and human rights led reform of mental health and capacity laws. He completed a PhD at the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, University of Galway entitled 'Diversion: A Comparative Study of Law and Policy Relating to Defendants and Offenders with Mental Health Problems and Intellectual Disability'. He previously worked as Amnesty International Ireland's Legal Officer on its mental health campaign and as a legal researcher for the Law Reform Commission of Ireland.