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Recipient name:	Dr. Mary Tumelty
Discipline and subject area:	Humanities and Social Science
Amount and year awarded:	€2,290. in 2023
Title of project:	Conceptualising a new mediation model for the resolution of clinical negligence claims.

Summary of findings:

This research critically explored the use of mediation in clinical negligence claims in Ireland, as well as the arguments for the development of a new mediation model for the resolution of clinical claims. The grant facilitated a research visit to the Mason Institute at the School of Law, University of Edinburgh. The Mason Institute provides internationally recognised academic and policy leadership in the socio-legal and medical fields.

The period of mobility allowed me to reflect on the possible avenues for the re-conceptualisation of mediation in clinical negligence claims, and the potential for it to inform the development of mediation in clinical negligence cases in Ireland.

The discussions which occurred as part of this mobility were also intended to assist in identifying areas for future research collaboration. The mobility therefore helped establish a basis for further research and collaboration involving patient safety, and civil and regulatory responses to adverse events.

The objectives of the research visit were largely achieved and my research in this area continues to expand and develop.



Plans for continuing collaboration:

During the mobility, I met with senior academics based in the School of Law, University of Edinburgh. These included Dr. Anne Sorbie, Mr. Gerard Porter and Professor Anne-Maree Farrell. Professor Anne-Maree Farrell is Chair of Medical Jurisprudence at Edinburgh Law School. She is the first woman to hold the Chair, which was first established over 210 years ago. Professor Farrell is Director of the Mason Institute, which is an interdisciplinary research centre based at Edinburgh Law School. It focuses on ethics and law at the interface between health, medicine and the life sciences at a national and global scale. It



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provides internationally recognised academic and policy leadership in the socio-legal, medical and life science governance, and bioethics fields.

The discussions with colleagues at the Mason Institute and School of Law, University of Edinburgh provided insight into redress and the resolution of clinical negligence claims, as well as how these discussions are shaped and negotiated by various actors. These discussions have been instrumental in shaping my research. They have also provided a basis for identifying areas for future collaboration.

Publications associated with this project that you have been involved in:

This research will form the basis of a journal output in the AY 24/25 upon my return from maternity leave.

Dissemination and plans for future dissemination:

I am currently on maternity leave. I plan to disseminate my research upon my return in the AY 24/25.