



## SPECIAL EU PROGRAMMES BODY

# Project Case Study: Acute Services— Award Shortlisting

### THEME:

Cross Border Health &  
Social Care

### FUNDING(ERDF+MATCH)

€10,252,676.21 with  
Scottish contribution of  
€232,543.82

### MATCH FUNDERS:

Department of Health  
Northern Ireland

Department of Health  
Ireland

Scottish Ambulance Service

### LEAD PARTNER:

Health Service Executive

### PROJECT PARTNERS

Western Health and Social  
Care Trust, Southern Health  
and Social Care Trust, Health  
and Social Care Board,  
Public Health Agency,  
National Ambulance Service,  
NI Ambulance Service and  
the Scottish Ambulance  
Service

**Start Date:** 01/09/2016

**End Date:** 31/12/2021



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## CROSS-BORDER PROJECT SHORTLISTED FOR MAJOR EU AWARD

A cross-border community paramedic project has been recognised for its innovation by a prestigious European-wide awards scheme called RegioStars 2019. Shortlisted, against competing projects from across all 28 member states, the community paramedic project has made it through as a finalist in the 'Modernising Health Services' category.

The Community Paramedic Project, which is managed by the CAWT cross-border Health and Social Care Partnership, is competing against four other EU funded projects in the same category.

The pilot project is a collaboration between the National Ambulance Service in Ireland, the Scottish Ambulance Service and the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service and is funded for a 36-month period through the EU's INTERREG VA Programme, managed by the Special EU Programmes Body (SEUPB), which is urging people to go online and use their vote.

Designed to reduce the number of people who need to visit Accident & Emergency (A&E) Departments, the project provides specialist training to ambulance staff so that more patients can be assessed and treated at home or in their community.

Delivered on a cross-border basis, this pilot project is training existing paramedics based in Northern Ireland, Ireland and Western Scotland to become Community Paramedics. This specialised training has been developed in partnership with Glasgow Caledonian University.