

New research centre to focus on trafficking, child safety and cyberbullying

The RCSI launched its CyberPsychology Research Centre this week.

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THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF Surgeons in Ireland has opened a new cyber-psychology research centre to focus on key areas of child safety online, cyberbullying and human trafficking.

It will also investigate the impact of technology on leadership, while liaising with the European Commission, the White House, MIT, Harvard, Columbia University, Interpol, the gardaí, Scotland Yard, LAPD and the Australian Federal Police.

“The CyberPsychology Research Centre has been established to provide analysis, insight and leadership in understanding the benefits, risks and applications of current and emerging human-technology interfaces,” explained Professor Ciarán O’Boyle, Director of the RCSI Institute of Leadership.



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According to the college, the centre will work with a range of international collaborators and serve as Ireland’s centre of excellence on cyber-psychology research.

“Robust law enforcement is informed by robust research; effective partnership between frontline police investigators and academics can only be a positive thing,” said Interpol’s assistant director Michael Moran.

“This centre is welcomed by global law enforcement agencies as a resource to aid appropriate and informed policy development, training and response. The launch of the centre formalises a productive partnership that will undoubtedly continue to grow and deliver results.”

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