



# Inaugural Event of the Health Analysts' Special Interest Group

25<sup>th</sup> March 2008  
Radisson Hotel, Golden Lane, Dublin 8.





# Programme

Welcome and introductions

Lorraine Fahy, Research Analyst, INIsPHO@IPH

Dr. Conor Teljeur, Small Area Health Research Unit (SAHRU), Trinity College Centre for Health Sciences

Questions and answers

Future direction for the Health Analysts' SIG

Post-seminar event

Movie screening: "And the Band Played On"





# Health Analysts' Special Interest Group

- Part of the All-Ireland CHAIN
- Aim to support health analysts
  - share in your expertise and experience through a network of colleagues across CHAIN
  - professional development
  - make a more effective contribution to the health intelligence function





## CHAIN (Contact, Help, Advice and Information Network)

- an online network for people working in health and social care
- multi-professional and cross organisational
- based around specific areas of interest
- simple and informal way of contacting each other to exchange ideas and share knowledge
- Health Intelligence SIG of CHAIN





# Health Analysts' Special Interest Group

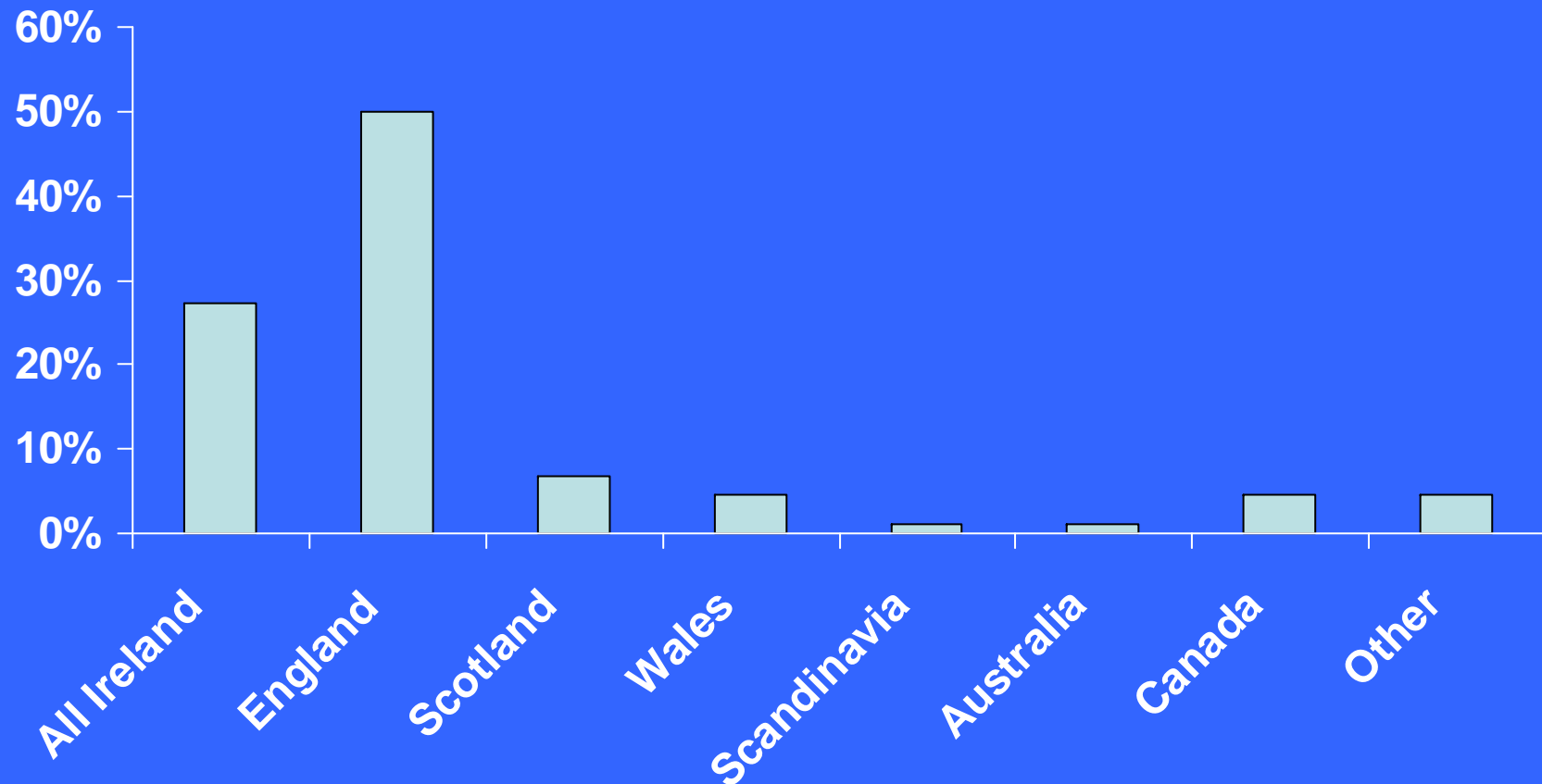
## Membership

- Lorraine Fahy (INIsPHO@IPH) – facilitator
- Currently 88 members
- Join through CHAIN website
  - Quality Improvement Subgroup

[http://chain.ulcc.ac.uk/chain/join\\_chain1.html](http://chain.ulcc.ac.uk/chain/join_chain1.html)



# Current Membership



# Feedback from members

- Data accuracy and validation
- Timely data
- Competing demands
  - different requirements at different times  
hence lack of familiarity with tools as have to “relearn”
- Keep skills and techniques up to date



# Feedback from members

- Dealing with variable data quality in the face of changing requirements
- a place to network and share ideas
- sharing/collaborating on pieces of work
- Access to online tools, resources and training courses





# Planned activities

- BLOG
- Northern Ireland event
- AIHI 2008 meeting
- Repository of online statistical materials and tools
- Connect to CHAIN





# Future activities for the Health Analysts' SIG



# Possible activities

- Holding events on topics of shared interest
- Promoting the profile of the profession and support its members' development
- Supporting access to online analytical materials & courses
- Providing other day-to-day support and advice