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Project Title:	Epidermolysis Bullosa: An Exploratory Study of Economic and Social Costs
Research Area:	Psychosocial/Advocacy
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Project Abstract	
<p>Part 1: A review and synthesis of the current state of play in terms of the economic and social costs of EB. The social costs to include the psychosocial studies done previously.</p> <p>Part 2: A review of the medicines/supports available to EB patients in Ireland compared to other countries.</p> <p>The combination of these two will help identify the gaps. The first will help identify the economic but also the family burden (terminology in econ would be ‘social costs’) related to the disease. Consolidating this research in a report will support advocacy. It will also identify the under researched areas related to these costs-such as the informal costs.</p> <p>The second part above can then illustrate the potential difference in gaps in access to medicines etc. between Ireland and other countries. This will help support an advocacy campaign if/when any gaps are identified.</p>	
Blog post written about project for website	
None	
Quotes we have from Researchers	
None	
Researcher (s) Bio	
<p>Dr. Darragh Flannery is a Senior Lecturer in economics at the University of Limerick. He completed his doctoral studies at the National University of Ireland, Galway on the Economics of Higher Education. Darragh’s research focuses on using applied micro-</p>	

econometric methods to examine policy issues in education, and more recently in health economics.

More specifically, he has conducted research in areas such as student loans, geographical and socioeconomic influences in higher education participation, student mental health services and the returns to education. He has published his work on these issues in journals such as *Economics of Education Review*, *International Journal of Educational Technology in Higher Education*, *Studies in Higher Education*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Empirical Economics*, *Manchester School* and *Applied Health Economics and Health Policy*.

He is currently working on a number of different research projects in the education and health space including an examination of single-sex schooling and academic performance, the economic costs of the rare skin disease Epidermolysis Bullosa and the impacts of international student mobility on labor market outcomes. The latter project forms part of EU COST Action CA20115; European Network on International Student Mobility.

He is programme director for the MSc in Economics and Policy Analysis and teaches undergraduate microeconomics and postgraduate modules in education economics and microeconomics. Darragh is also a member of the executive committee of the Irish Society for Women in Economics (ISWE), the Health Research Institute (HRI), the European Expert Network on Economics of Education (EENEE) and also currently serves as an external reviewer for the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform's Spending Review steering group.