

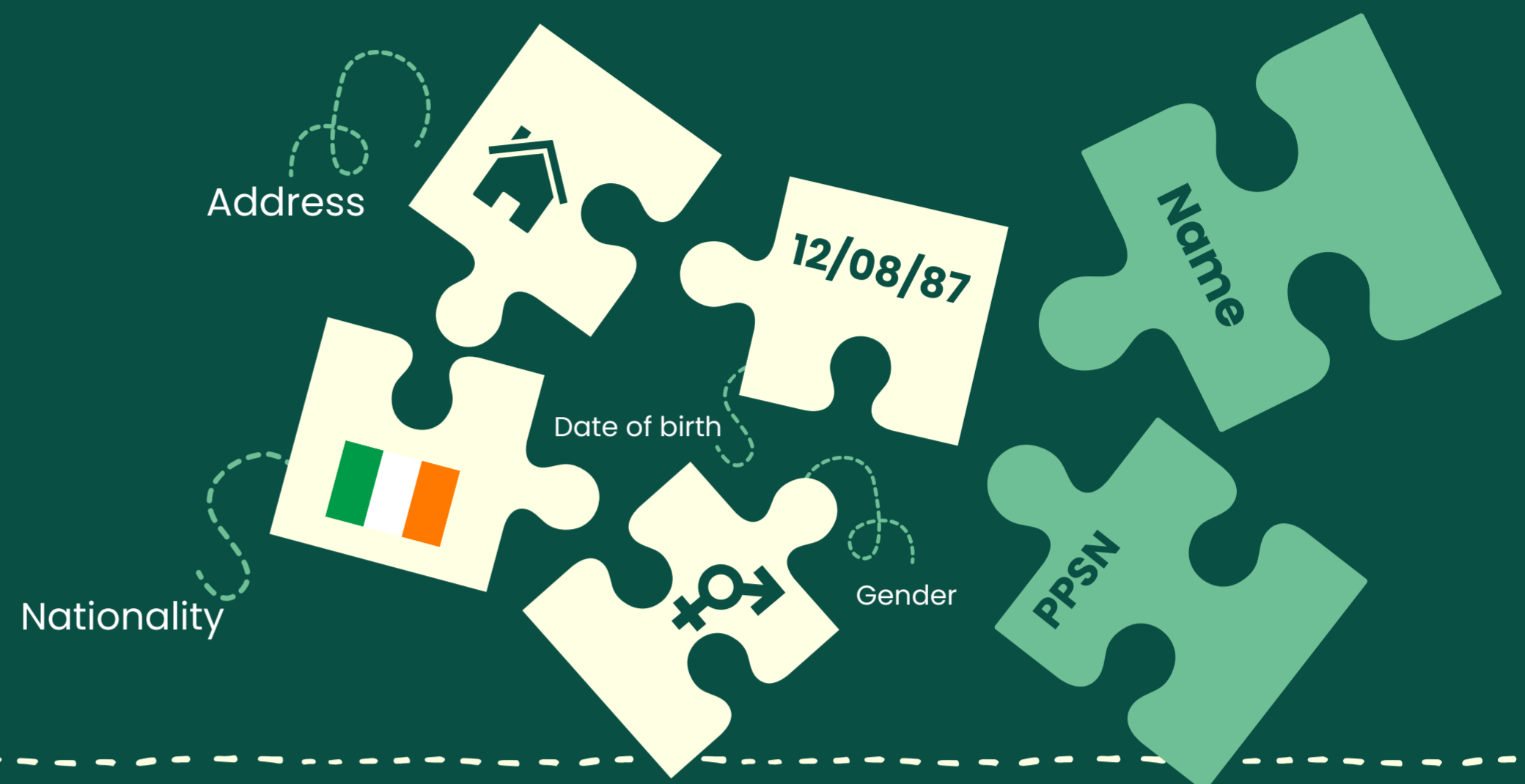
PPSN and IHI

Can I take your details? Individual Health Identifier

When you enter any part of the Irish health care system, you will be asked who you are. You will then be linked to your Individual Health Identifier. Above anything else this is for your safety and allow better care be provided to you.

What is an Individual Health Identifier (IHI)

An individual health identifier or IHI is a number that uniquely and safely identifies each person that has used, is using or may use a health or social care service in Ireland.



How does IHI help me? What are the benefits?



Safest possible care

Improved accuracy in identifying you.

The key to link your health records

Your records across different healthcare organisations may be accurately associated with you.

Connected care

Your health information can be shared safely and seamlessly between health care providers via Electronic transfer.

How will you locate my IHI?

Using your PPSN to accurately locate your IHI helps to ensure that you are being correctly assigned with the correct IHI which promotes patient safety.



Why are PPSN and IHI linked?

PPSN is one of the trusted data sources used to create and subsequently update the "National Register of Individual Health Identifiers".

Identification and demographic data is used for health services only.



How can we be sure that our personal information is secure and safe?

Confidentiality first

Any details you share with us will remain completely confidential and will only be used to identify you to correctly link you to your health record. The collection of this information for patient safety identification is underpinned by legislation and GDPR requirements. To learn more visit <https://www.hse.ie/eng/gdpr/>