## What language do you speak at home?

We ask this because some people may need language supports. Here are some common languages spoken at home in Ireland today:

- Afrikaans
- Akan
- Albanian
- Bengali

- Croatian
- Czech

- Dutch English
  - Estonian
  - French
  - German

  - Hindi
  - Hungarian
- labo

- Irish Sign Italian
- Japanese Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Malay
- Malayalam
- Polish Portuguese
- Punjabi

Thai

Romanian

Russian

Shona

Slovak

Somali

Spanish

Swahili

Swedish

Tagalog

Tamil

- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Urdu
- Vietnamese
- Yoruba

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### What will happen if someone decides not to answer these questions?

If someone decides not to answer these questions, the care they receive by this health service will not change.

#### How will the information provided be kept safe?

According to the law, this health service must keep all information provided by those who use this service private and safe. This information will only be shared if there is a health and safety risk to someone or if it is needed for legal reasons.

#### **According to Census 2011...**

These are the most common countries of birth for people living in Ireland who were born in another country:

- 1. UK
- 2. Poland
- Lithuania
- USA
- Latvia
- Nigeria
- Romania
- 8. India
- 9. Philippines
- 10. Germany 11. China
- 12. Brazil

These are the most common religions or spiritual beliefs practiced in Ireland:

- 1. Catholic

- Islam/Muslim

- 11. Jehovah's Witness

- 2. No Religion
- Church of Ireland
- Orthodox
- Presbyterian
- Pentecostal
- Hindu
- Buddhist
- Methodist
- 12. Lutheran

These are the most common languages spoken at home in Ireland:

- English
- 2. Irish
- Polish
- French
- Lithuanian
- German
- Russian
- Spanish
- 9. Romanian 10. Chinese
- 11. Latvian
- 12. Portuguese

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# Working together to improve our health **Guide for staff**

A person's ethnic group or cultural background, country of birth, religion and language spoken can have an effect on their health. Collecting this information from all who use our health services will help us to be sure that our health services are right for everyone.

All service users will now be asked the following questions when they register with this service:

What is your ethnic group or cultural background?

Service users will be asked to select their ethnic group or cultural background from this list:



- Irish
- Irish Traveller
- Any other white background



- Chinese
- Any other Asian background



- African
- Any other Black background





(including mixed background)

# What is your religion?

Atheist

Catholic

We ask about religion because people of certain religions may wish to receive care in a different way. Religious symbols may help some service users to identify their religion or spiritual beliefs.



Anglican









Islamic

Methodist

Protestant

Jehovah's W.





Pentecostal



Quaker





Plymoth Brethren

No Religion

Evangelical

Sikhism



Presbyteriar

Baptist

Hindu

Lutheran

Orthodox

Spiritualism

