



# Connecting for Life strategy implementation monitoring report Q3 2023

HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention



Connecting for Life



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# 1: Introduction

This is the Q3 2023 implementation monitoring report for *Connecting for Life (CfL)*. It will provide an overview of the work carried out by strategy lead agencies from July 2023 to September 2023.

To date in this period, of the 67 actions in CfL, **updates were received on 59**. Of these 59 actions for which updates were received, **3 were logged as needing attention and 2 were logged as off track**. The majority of actions were considered to be on track. Further detail on the 'needs attention' and 'off track' actions are provided at the end of this report.

**The NGO quarterly CfL implementation report (Q2 2023) has been completed and will be available [here](#) shortly.**

## Some highlights from this period include:

- Events and campaigns took place around the country for World Suicide Prevention Day 2023 (HSE NOSP)
- NOSP Training figures for Q2 2023: safeTALK – 1482; ASIST – 791; Understanding Self-Harm – 344; Professional Bereavement Programme – 60; STORM – 107.



- Five pilot sites currently being recruited to support adaptation of Minding your Wellbeing programme for delivery with older people. (HSE H&W)
- Launch of New “On Feirm Ground 2”, which equips trusted professionals to spot the signs of a farmer who may be struggling and how to signpost them to appropriate supports. (DAFM)
- STORM training agreement with trainee GP scheme - West. Participants recruited across a range of Mental Health professions to attend training in CAMS. (HSE NOSP)
- Five prevention initiatives targeting drug and alcohol use in specific populations funded by Dept of Health following a tendering process. (HSE PC).
- The national CAMHS Hub Model of Care was launched by Minister Butler on 7 September 2023.
- NEPS have developed guidance and resources for school staff who are supporting children and young people who are self-harming or at risk of self-harm See gov.ie (DoE)
- All 6 SCAN nursing posts have now been recruited with the final person to commence in Q4. (HSE MH Ops)
- NOSP staff delivered two oral presentations and two poster presentations at the IASP conference 2023.
- Dissemination plan drafted for paracetamol educational materials, including plans for a launch event on October 17th at the Department of Health for key stakeholders. (DoH)
- NOSP has established a National Advisory Group to develop a Deaths in Public Places Toolkit, with CCMA RCCH Committee representation. (LGMA)
- Tender for overall evaluation of CfL has been advertised. Procurement Review Group has been established. (HSE NOSP)



### This period updates were received from 14 partners:

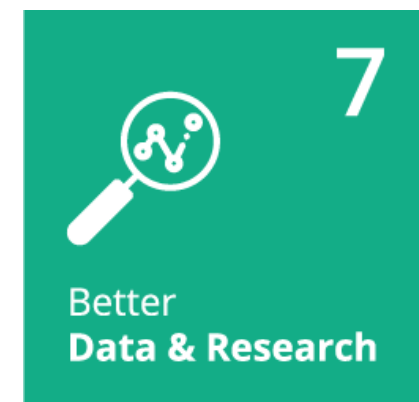
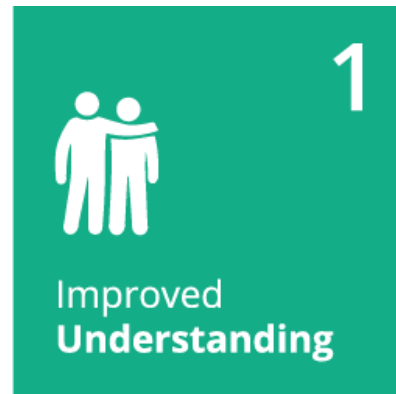
- Department of Social Protection (DSP)
- HSE Primary Care (HSE PC)
- Tusla
- Department of Health (DoH)
- HSE Health and Wellbeing (HSE H&W)
- HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (HSE NOSP)
- HSE Mental Health Operations (HSE MH Ops)
- Higher Education Authority (HEA)
- Local Government Management Authority (LGMA)
- HSE Acute Hospitals (HSE Acute Ops)
- Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM)
- Department of Education (DoE)
- Department of Justice (DoJ)
- Coimisiún na Meán (CnM)
- Department of Children, Disability, Integration, Equality and Youth (DCDIEY)

### This period updates were not received from 7 partners:

- Irish Prison Service and Irish Probation service
- Department of Defence (DoD)
- Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD)
- Health and Safety Authority (HSA)
- Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media (DTCAGSM) – Sports
- Press Council of Ireland



## 2: Overview of progress on CfL strategic goals





# Goal 1: Improved understanding

1.1 Understanding suicidal behaviour	1.2 Awareness of services	1.3 Reducing stigma	1.4 Media and reporting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Ireland data received by NOSP/NSRF, data analysis plan being prepared. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>• HSE Mental Health Promotion Plan: Ongoing meetings with lead partners to support implementation on a range of action areas across 27 actions. (HSE H&amp;W)</li> <li>• National Mental Health Promotion Plan: Final report and executive summary are now complete. Work has commenced to translate the work done to date into a publishable document which will outline the high-level actions that will deliver mental health promotion, through a whole government approach and cross-departmental consultation and collaboration will form part of this work. (DoH)</li> <li>• Media strategy for YourMentalHealth campaign agreed for Q3 and Q4. Creative refresh began for social media. Paid Search key words under review. Work to update online content on supports and services continued. (HSE MH Ops)</li> <li>• Successful IOAD event on the 31st of August 2023. 72 attended in person. 168 attend online. Two additional initiatives launched in Q3: a) Provision of Naloxone to prisoners with a history of opioid use on release from prison and information posters placed outside each prison in Ireland with QR code directing to resources, b) Nalox-Home Pilot - Collaboration with St. James' Hospital to provide intranasal naloxone to all vulnerable individuals on discharge from Emergency Department. Families Matter Webinar hosted by the NSIO in relation to naloxone education and training opportunities.(HSE PC)</li> <li>• HSE NSIO Safer Nightlife Festival programme continued in Q3 with 75 volunteers present providing harm reduction information at Electric Picnic. In addition, back-of-house testing obtained 90 samples at EP and issued 4 risk communications to attendees. (HSE PC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently working on My Mental Health Plan design, development, content, algorithm refinement and location on website. Content updates on ymh.ie continue with input on CAMHS, Nationally Counselling Services and services and supports. Digital Mental Health Plan overview presented to Digital Mental Health Specialist Group September 7th. (HSE MH Ops)</li> <li>• As part of the YourMentalHealth campaign social media posts were developed to promote mental health to a range of priority groups including a series of posts for Men's Health Week. We also shared Exam Stress content for Young people and posts for Traveller Pride Week. We focussed on a series of key dates including World Suicide Prevention Day, and all posts are performing strongly. (HSE MH Ops)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Change Green Ribbon campaign launched and commenced in September 2023 - ongoing for month. World Suicide Prevention Day 2023 - campaign partner pack distributed to stakeholders and internally in HSE. Joint HSE/DoH press release. Stakeholder engagement event also completed. BelongTo 'Better Out Than In' help seeking Campaign commenced September. Spunout Suicide Bereavement Campaign commenced September. (HSE NOSP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement during Q3 with relevant partners including Samaritans, Headline, Department of Health and NSRF on related streams of work and to consult on the establishment of Coimisiún na Meán. Current consideration to scope and TORs for combined Media and Online Safety Special Interest Group.</li> <li>• Headline - Mental Health Media Awards (MHMA) 2023 opened in September.</li> <li>• Headline - complaint not upheld by Press Ombudsman re application of Principle 10. Headline have submitted an appeal of this decision.</li> <li>• Currently disseminating WHO revised media guidelines (September 2023).</li> <li>• Work underway with new 'Real-time Social Media' group (with ROSPs) to develop good practice postvention media and social media assets. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>• CNAM received over 50 submissions in response to call for inputs on developing first online safety code. (Coimisiún na Meán)</li> <li>• Since the last reporting, there have been no complaints with respect to Principle 3 of the Code of Programme Standards. CNAM continues to engage with stakeholders on the issue of coverage of suicide and self-harm, including most recently engagement with Shine and also attendance at the HSE NOSP seminar organised to recognise National Suicide Prevention Day. (Coimisiún na Meán)</li> </ul>



## Goal 2: Empowered communities

2.1 Multiagency community responses	2.2 Accurate information and guidance	2.3 Education and training
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Local CfL Action plans for CHO Cork and CHO Kerry to be reviewed by Mental Health Management team at end of Sept. CHO 3 – Plan at final stages of design and to be approved by Chief Officer. (HSE MH Ops)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Updated Suicide Prevention in the Community guide published. Suicide Prevention in the Workplace guidance finalised ready for publication. (HSE NOSP)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>New online training programme developed for launch in Q4.</li><li>Report on safeTALK suicide prevention gatekeeper training for 16–18 year olds finalised, findings presented at IASP conference.</li><li>Trainer Survey issued to determine trainer support needs.</li><li>New video content recorded for Understanding Self-harm Training Programme and updated slide content finalised.</li><li>Postvention Community Presentation delivered to lived experience expert panel, feedback gathered and incorporated into presentation. Script agreed and expert panel secured to record module content for Suicide Bereavement Module. (HSE NOSP)</li></ul> <p>Training figures for Q2 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>safeTALK - 1482</li><li>ASIST - 791</li><li>Understanding Self-Harm – 344</li><li>Professional Bereavement Programme – 60</li><li>STORM – 107</li></ul> <p>(HSE NOSP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Additional editing required on content for new online HSE Balancing Stress programme. Launch planned for Q1 2024.</li><li>Adaptation of Minding your Wellbeing programme for delivery with older people is ongoing. Five pilot sites currently being recruited.</li><li>Social Prescribing - Co-produced curriculum developed for new national learning network for social prescribing. TCD contracted to conduct pilot of three evaluation tools for social prescribing. Webinar held focussed on international community based mental health promotion initiative: Act-Belong-Commit. University of Galway have been contacted by HSE H&amp;W to conduct pre-implementation scoping exercise on the implementation of Act-Belong-Commit in a number of sites in Ireland. (HSE H&amp;W)</li></ul>





## Goal 3: Focus on priority groups

### 3.1 Reducing suicide among priority groups

### 3.2 Early intervention & prevention of substance misuse with Primary Care

### 3.3 Supports for young people

- Tusla rep will complete an initiation form and submit this form for NPOC consideration in Q4. Once approved a Tusla suicide policy will be developed during 2024. (TUSLA)
- Two L&D trainers have attended ASIST and are currently attending shadowing requirements. An EOI went out to all staff to create a wait list for staff wishing to attend ASIST. (DSP)
- Interim Protocol for the Management of Social Admissions & Delayed Discharges of Children from Acute Hospitals circulated for review. Work continues to ensure outcomes-focused working in line with the HSE National Policy on Access to Services for Children and Young People with Disability and Developmental Delay, including ongoing promotion of Individual Family Service Plans through Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT); services for children with complex needs, including those impacted by Adverse Childhood Experiences. (HSE MH Ops)
- Recruitment ongoing for mental health service associated with St James' Hospital and Housing First posts. Community Services Enhancement Fund - Traveller-specific projects are developing and providing interventions. CSEF funding also supporting projects in Sligo, with an additional Family Support Worker and a Young Men's Programme. Resource allocated via NSIO to support those refugees and IP applicants with complex needs to ensure accommodation is maintained. (HSE PC)
- Launch of New "On Feirm Ground 2" Programme at the National Ploughing Championships. The programme equips trusted professionals to spot the signs of a farmer who may be struggling and how to signpost them to appropriate supports. It will be expanded to other professionals who work with farmers including private Vets and DAFM staff. (DAFM)
- National Trainer in post. STORM training agreement with trainee GP scheme - West. Participants recruited across a range of Mental Health professions to attend training in CAMS. Aligning also with Rec 100 of StV, HSE and ICGP met to develop enhanced training opportunities for trainee GPs in mental health and provide detail on HSE mental health Services (including digital mental health services). This will enhance GPs awareness and access to relevant HSE mental health services. (HSE NOSP)
- IPAS staff are undergoing safeTALK training in 3 sessions. (DCEDIY)

- From the 1st July to 21st September, 222 learners completed the SAOR eLearning – 998 in total up to 21st September this year. From the 1st July to 21st September, 132 learners completed the Hidden Harm eLearning – 437 in total up to 21st September this year. Development of SAOR Extended Brief Intervention Model to be piloted in CHO9 in partnership with the HSE Alcohol Programme. Recruitment underway for 9 SAOR practitioners, one in each CHO area to support the Health Diversion programme when operational. In partnership with TUSLA, continued progress on National Hidden Harm Programme. (HSE PC)

- Advisory structure review complete. New HEA Advisory Group on Student and Staff Health and Wellbeing to be established in Q4. Group will advise HEA on implementation of National Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Framework, as well as the Higher Education Healthy Campus Charter and Framework. A Community of Practice/Practitioner Network focusing on mental health and suicide prevention will also be established. (HEA)
- Five prevention initiatives targeting drug and alcohol use in specific populations funded by Dept of Health following a tendering process. The five streams within the programme are: school based, general youth, family based, environmental prevention and higher education settings. This was launched in June 2023 and projects are developing through Q3 and Q4. (HSE PC).
- Implementation of the 'Enhanced Transition Plan' will be the responsibility of the new HSE Youth Mental Health office with monitoring provided by the CYP workstream. Workstream 2 (0-25 MHS): Two engagement and consultation events on the long-term proposed reconfiguration design have taken place. (HSE MH Ops)
- Guidance on Reluctant Attendance and School Avoidance Behaviour developed. NEPS has developed training for school staff - Introducing a Trauma Informed Approach, the Stress Factor: Getting the Balance Right'. 1,468 school staff have registered for training. NEPS have developed guidance and resources for school staff who are supporting children and young people who are self-harming or at risk of self-harm See gov.ie. NEPS Psychologists are available to deliver a presentation to schools to build awareness, knowledge and understanding of self-harm. (DoE)
- As of 1st Oct, 3775 people enrolled on Critical Incident e-learning course and 1838 have fully completed. The introduction of two strands of a pilot programme of counselling and mental health supports in selected primary schools. Strand 1 – will see the provision of one to one counselling support to small numbers of children in selected schools. Strand 2 sees the establishment of Education Wellbeing/Mental Health Teams and introduction of Wellbeing Practitioners to support schools in cluster areas under the direction and supervision of NEPS. (DoE)
- Minister for Education has launched Cineáltas flag. (DoE)
- Revised Junior Cycle specification is in all schools since Sept 2023. The draft Senior Cycle SPHE specification is now available for consultation. (DoE)





## Goal 4: Better access to support

4.1 Assessments and Care Pathways	4.2 Therapeutic Interventions	4.3 Support Services
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Through a dedicated StV workstream, work is currently underway to finalise a shared care implementation plan, develop a position paper for a layered care approach to talk therapies, devise a national framework for shared physical healthcare and prescribing, and to design a structured approach to meeting the physical health needs in primary care of those with severe and enduring mental illness. Four Crisis Resolution Teams operational, with final learning site finalising staff recruitment. Community partner arrangements in process for cafe sites across the learning sites. (HSE MH Ops)</li><li>• Continue with the recruitment of the remaining posts in CHO 3, 4 and 9. Progressing well with establishment of the National Rehabilitation Unit. Work with Health Research board to enhance the data collection to include Dual Diagnosis, in partnership with HSE Social Inclusion and Integrated Alcohol Programme PPI implementation group established, work continues. Commence PPI evaluation of programme. Working with partners including HSE HSELand, Mental Health, Social Inclusion and Quality Improvement to develop and provide training. (HSE MH Ops)</li><li>• NOSP &amp; MH Ops met and agreed that a practical guidance document should be developed to assist Health Service teams in utilising and implementing the SSHARP guidelines as required across their respective settings. (HSE MH Ops)</li><li>• Additional part-time assistants have commenced working with NCP SHI Database Manager to progress with a 5-year service report for each ED service, national NCP SHI report, NCP SHI research papers and SCAN data training work. All 6 SCAN nursing posts have now been recruited with the final person to commence in Q4. Online education seminars continue, most recent was on intimate partner violence from Women's Aid. (HSE MH Ops)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Over 12,000 people have activated a programme with SilverCloud via the HSE to date. 90% referrals are from GPs. Activation rates: Counselling in Primary care 69% and Primary Care Psychology 68%, GPs 67%. The Working Group for Talk Therapies in Primary Care continued work on the Principles Paper which will outline a proposed approach to providing talk therapies across the lifespan at primary care level, within a layered care model. (HSE MH Ops)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Updated iteration of the Improving Suicide Bereavement Supports in Ireland report in development to be completed and distributed by end of Q3. New suicide bereavement content now live on YMH website under Difficult life situations. Bereavement with associated tweets to be pushed out via HSE Live before the end of Q3. (HSE MH Ops)</li><li>• Ongoing engagement with NGOs providing bereavement support services. Consultation process initiated with Pieta and SBLOs with a view to implementing report recommendations. (HSE NOSP)</li></ul>



## Goal 5: High quality services

5.1 National quality standards, guidance and information for suicide prevention	5.2 Responses to suicidal behaviour in services	5.3 Responses to suicidal behaviour in the justice system	5.4 Best practice among Practitioners
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Action 5.1.4 Complete. (DoH)</li> <li>NOSP staff delivered two oral presentations and two poster presentations at the IASP conference 2023.</li> </ul> <p>New publications in Q3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Published updated version of NSRF's Harmful Impact of Suicide and Self-harm Online Review of Literature.</li> <li>Finalised design of Grant Scheme Briefing Papers</li> <li>Finalised design of IPSDS Suicide Mortality Rates and Supplementary CHO Data documents.</li> <li>Finalised design of NGO Services Directory for GPs</li> <li>New mailing list/subscriber solution commenced and first newsletter disseminated September – Recipients 1,651 / Opened 61.18% / Clicked 40.52% / CTOR 66.24%. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>Q2 NGO report published on CfL website. SLA process 2024 initiated. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>The National Policy Group on Lifelong Guidance published a report in August 2023 on the findings from a public consultation. This report will inform the development of the Strategic National Framework for Lifelong Guidance which is expected to be published before the end of 2023. (DoE)</li> <li>All schools must engage in a wellbeing promoting process using School Self Evaluation by 2025. To date the webinars and follow up visits for primary include: 142 seminars; 2,545 teacher CPD Interactions; and 260 school visits. (DoE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NOSP &amp; MH Ops met and agreed that a practical guidance document should be developed to assist Health Service teams in utilising and implementing the SSHARP guidelines as required across their respective settings. (HSE MH Ops)</li> <li>Action 5.2.2 complete. (Tusla)</li> </ul>	<p>No updates provided.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff of the Department of Health completed SafeTALK training on the 19 September 2023. (DoH)</li> <li>Training modules on Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (ED&amp;I) undertaken by senior management in the Department and championed by senior managers in their own areas. (DAFM)</li> <li>Plan to prepare a communication for all Departments in conjunction with Mental Health Unit. To include a list of events taking place regarding Mental Illness Awareness Week 1-7 October 2023. (DoH)</li> <li>safeTALK training has been delivered internally throughout 2023 and uptake has been high. (DSP)</li> <li>TUSLA will review NOSP workplace document and adapt as required for various settings eg. residential and consider implementation as a national document. There is an opportunity for TUSLA to revise the new NOSP online training programme using sector specific scenarios. There is a budget implication for TUSLA to revise the programme which will need to be considered and approval will need to be agreed. Tusla regional trainers have re-established links with ROSPs and have full details of training that Tusla staff can access. (Tusla)</li> <li>To address Action 5.4.2 training requirements are reviewed as required for the appropriate staff and guidance documentation provided. A reminder has issued to the sector with regards to the commitment of this action in Q3. (LGMA)</li> <li>Continue engagement with relevant bodies to highlight NOSP's accredited training modules. DoH to link with the Professional Regulation Unit to explore enhanced professional training opportunities. (DoH)</li> <li>Suicide Prevention higher education module material drafted for review and feedback. Train the Trainer event held with wide representation from across the UCD campus. Minding Your Wellbeing Training Programme material revised for delivery to veterinary student population (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>Action 5.4.5 complete. (DoH)</li> <li>Inputs from NOSP included in the Directory of CPD shared with schools. (DoE)</li> </ul>



## Goal 6: Reduced access to means

### 6.1 Access to drugs used in intentional overdose

- MHU now sits on the Medical Council's Over-prescribing working group. This multi-disciplinary group considers issues relating to promoting correct prescribing of medications, in particular benzodiazepines and z drugs. Medical Council advisory group draft report is still in preparation. DoH working with the Environmental Protection Agency re the development of a National DUMP Campaign, as per the EPA's National Hazardous Waste Management Plan 2021-2026. Ongoing funding options being explored. First meeting took place 27/07/2023 at which outputs of group were discussed, along with initial discussion of possible funding options. Policy paper to be produced by end of year. (DoH)
- Dissemination plan drafted for paracetamol educational materials, including plans for a launch event on October 17th at the Department of Health for key stakeholders. (DoH)
- Poster entitled "Preventing intentional paracetamol overdose in countries with increasing rates and existing sales legislation" presented at IASP 2023 Congress in Slovenia. (DoH)
- Baseline survey sent to pharmacy and retail sectors in September for completion. (DoH)

### 6.2 Lethal methods

- Nominee agreed representing the CCMA RCCH Committee (Business Manager) on the NOSP National Advisory Group to develop a Deaths in Public Places Toolkit. First meeting took place on 26.09.23. (LGMA)
- Communication sent to all Heads of Service requesting a review, in Q3, of policies and practice in each CHO, related to ligature risk with respect to: public accessibility of information on ligature risk; and references to height of ligature points as a predictor of risk. In Q3 the Ligature Risk-Reduction Steering Committee was reconvened. This group will review new literature and best practices in relation to ligature risk reduction policy. (HSE MH Ops)



## Goal 7: Better data and research

7.1 Evaluating CfL	7.2 High quality Data	7.3 Death Recording	7.4 Research and Evaluation Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NOSP has engaged with HSE Procurement - tender for overall evaluation of CfL has been reviewed by DOH, ready to be advertised. Procurement Review Group has been established. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>Evaluation governance structures approved. Currently populating Steering Group with appropriate reps. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>Have established a Procurement Review Group to review and select tender. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>Evaluation of Cork/Kerry Observatory paused until data are available &amp; there is NOSP research capacity to manage process. (HSE NOSP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstream Tusla residential services and special care have a suite of policies on the Tusla Hub. Personal development, Health and Wellbeing provides guidance to staff about young peoples considered to be at risk of self-harm or suicide. This guidance includes reporting procedures and care of the young person in these circumstances. It also outlines training expectations for staff working in this area. All incidents of self-harm or death by suicide are identified in the policy as a reportable event and are part of the National reporting procedure. (Tusla)</li> <li>Since the suicide mortality data completeness study has been reviewed, significant relevant engagements have taken place. An application has been prepared for the establishment of a National Probable Suicide Registry for relevant cases. This application is being considered by the HSE National Centre for Clinical Audit at its relevant governance meeting in October 2023. An initial feasibility study is being sought in the first instance. Regarding the Incident Specific Review Tool, this is still in pilot study in 6 CHOs and a survey of its use and utility has been prepared for dissemination in Q3 2023. (HSE MH Ops)</li> <li>Ongoing analysis of IPSDS data. Publication of national &amp; CHO level infographics; Publication of IPSDS suicide rates; conference presentations. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>DIAG meeting October 2023. Programme of work ongoing. IPSDS Bulletin for Coroners reviewed. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>IPSDS infographics and bulletins/briefing papers are being prepared and published. (HSE NOSP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CSO Suicide Mortality Statistics Liaison Group meeting is scheduled to take place towards the end of Q4 2023. Any update regarding the Suicide Statistics release will be given and a discussion regarding the release date will take place. (DoJ)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HEA continues to fund NSRF to run C-SSHRI initiative. (HEA)</li> <li>DIAG &amp; ExAG meeting held in quarter 3 meeting help with researchers on Planet Youth to discuss dissemination strategy. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>Dissemination of IPSDS findings - ongoing. National &amp; CHO level infographics published. IPSDS suicide rates published. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>Partnerships with those working in the farming/agriculture sector have been developed to work on an academic article on suicide amongst farmers. (HSE NOSP)</li> <li>11 Grant Scheme Briefing papers have been compiled, designed, prepared for publication and uploaded on the CfL website. (HSE NOSP)</li> </ul>



## 3. At a Glance: Needs Attention (3 Actions)

### Goal 3

*3.1.2 Develop and implement a range of agency and inter-agency operational protocols (including protocols for sharing information and protocols in respect of young people) to assist organisations to work collaboratively in relation to suicide prevention and the management of critical incidents. (HSE Acute Ops)*

Acute Operations is currently engaging with NOSP and Mental Health Services to re-assess an operational plan to complete relevant CFL strategy actions across hospitals. There have been a number of challenges to the implementation of the actions at an operational level and there will be on-going issues to the management of programme. This mostly relate to the consistently high level of demand on unscheduled acute care services and the availability of ED staff for training. (HSE Acute Ops)

*Action 3.1.4: Evaluate as appropriate targeted initiatives and/or services for priority groups.*

IPSDS area level infographics & mortality rates bulletin published on website. Delay in applying small area codes data to facilitate analysis (by area of deprivation). (HSE NOSP)

### Goal 7

*7.1.1 Conduct proportionate evaluations of all major activities conducted under the aegis of Connecting for Life; disseminate findings and share lessons learned with programme practitioners and partners.*

- Evaluation of Suicide Observatory has been deferred until data from IPSDS can be made available.
- NOSP (with DoH support) has developed the Request for Tender for the overall evaluation of CfL. There was a delay in publishing the document on the E-Tenders website. It has now been published. (HSE NOSP)





## 3. At a Glance: Off Track (2 actions)

### Goal 2

*Implement consistent, multi-agency suicide prevention action plans to enhance communities' capacity to respond to suicidal behaviours, emerging suicide clusters and murder suicide. The plans will be the responsibility of HSE Mental Health Division and aligned with HSE Community Health Organisations structure, Local Economic and Community Plans and Children and Young People's Services Committee's (CYPSC) county plans.* There are still outstanding local CfL action plans. Action plans for CHO Cork and CHO Kerry to be reviewed by the Mental Health Management team at the end of September. The CHO 3 plan is at final stages of design and due to be approved by the Chief Officer. (HSE MH Ops)

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*3.1.2 Develop and implement a range of agency and inter-agency operational protocols (including protocols for sharing information and protocols in respect of young people) to assist organisations to work collaboratively in relation to suicide prevention and the management of critical incidents.*

The deaths by suspected suicide data sharing protocol between the HSE and An Garda Síochána still has not been signed despite having been tabled by the Garda Executive in November 2022 and regular contact with the policy writers. (HSE NOSP)



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