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## Project on a Page Summary: July 2025

### ***All Together for Population Health Project:***

*Co-Designing a Definition and Core Principles of  
a Population Health Approach for Ireland*



### **Background**

In Ireland, the concepts of 'population health' and a 'population health approach' are described in national healthcare policies and plans such as Sláintecare. However, we do not yet have a clear, shared understanding of what a 'population health approach' means. This makes it harder for people and services to work together to improve health outcomes.



### **Project Aim**

This project aims to help close that gap. As part of this project, we plan to work with people from across the health service and other sectors to develop a shared definition and principles for a population health approach in Ireland. We will review existing research and talk with many people through project workshops. Our goal is to support a shared way of thinking and working that helps us improve health at a population level. This project is a partnership between Public Health in the HSE and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland School of Population Health.

### **Why This Project Matters**



- **Consistency & Clarity:** A shared understanding of a population health approach helps everyone work in the same direction to improve population health.



- **Practical Principles:** Clear and useful principles will help people to apply a population health approach to their work.



- **Collaboration & Ownership:** Working together through this project will build stronger relationships and help give people a sense of ownership of this work.

### **What's Next?**



- **Stay Tuned:** We look forward to sharing more about the project and its findings with you as the project progresses.