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All Together for Population Health Project: Co-Designing a Definition and Core Principles of a Population Health Approach for Ireland

Background

The concepts of population health and a population health approach in Ireland are reflected in our national healthcare policy Sláintecare and current health service reform. However, there is currently no shared or consistent definition of what it means to take population health approach in Ireland. This gap can limit our ability to coordinate efforts to improve population health outcomes across the health system.

Project Aim

This project aims to address this gap by collaboratively co-designing a definition and core principles for a population health approach in Ireland. We will do this by reviewing existing evidence and engaging a broad range of stakeholders across different sectors. This will support a shared understanding of a population health approach across the health system and help align efforts to improve population health and address health inequalities. This project is a collaboration 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 align policies, programmes, and strategies focused on improving
population health across Ireland.



Practical Principles: The project will co-design accessible and actionable principles that can guide implementation of a population health approach.



Collaboration & Ownership: Stakeholder collaboration and co-design are at the heart of this project. This will support stronger relationships between stakeholders from different sectors and encourage shared ownership of a population health approach.

What's Next?

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