

HSE Public Health Strategy Newsletter

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A Message from the National Director.



I am delighted to share this first Public Health Strategy newsletter with you by way of update on the tremendous collective effort in developing a public health strategy for the HSE. I'd like to thank all of you for your engagement and contributions so far which show the breadth and depth of expertise in Public Health, as well our collective passion and determination to improve health and wellbeing for all in Ireland.

Dr John Cuddihy



Co-design at work WORKING TOGETHER TO DESIGN THE STRATEGY

► **Open Consultation**
Over a six week period in late 2024/early 2025, a public consultation survey was conducted to seek feedback on the vision, mission, values and priorities for public health. 541 responses were received, including 40 team responses, from inside and outside the HSE which was a fantastic response!

We have now held two co-design workshops. The first workshop was held in Farmleigh House, Phoenix Park, Dublin on 27th November 2024. 43 multi-disciplinary Public Health experts from both national and regional areas participated in this workshop which began the process of crafting the vision, mission, values and high-level priorities for HSE Public Health over the next 5 years.

The second workshop was held in the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland, Dublin on 29th January 2025. 69 multi-disciplinary Public Health experts came together to progress the work on defining the strategic objectives for HSE Public Health and how these will be achieved. This workshop also focused on developing new ways of working in the context of Public Health reform, and the implementation of Sláintecare health regions.

TOP NEWS

► What's happening now?

Subject Matter Expert Groups

Six Subject Matter Expert sub-groups are currently being formed to help progress work on the strategic objectives and measures of success.

Engaging our Stakeholders

Stakeholder engagement is an important component of developing any strategy. This project conducted stakeholder mapping to identify key internal and external stakeholders and we continue to engage with them through a series of meetings and focus groups.



GOVERNANCE & TIMELINES

The development of the HSE Public Health Strategy is the responsibility of the National Director for Public Health, supported by a project team, steering group and the Chief Clinical Officer, with advice from a group of national and international public health experts. The development work began in mid-October 2024 and aims to deliver a first draft strategy report to the HSE Chief Clinical Officer, by early March 2025. The target date for completion of the strategy is mid-April 2025.

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Through a series of co-design workshops, consultations, meetings and focus groups, the following now represents the Vision, Mission, Values and Priorities for public health over the next five years. These statements will be further refined before a final draft will be submitted to the project steering group and Public Health senior leadership team.



The Vision for Public Health

Better health and wellbeing for all people in Ireland

Our Values

In addition to the HSE values of care, compassion, trust and learning, Public Health has adopted two additional values. Equity as core foundation and striving for Excellence in all that we do.

Our Mission

Providing Public Health leadership in partnership with individuals and communities, we support and enable people in Ireland to live longer, healthier lives, and aim to:

- increase physical, mental and social well-being
- protect health
- prevent disease
- build healthy communities
- address health inequalities
- enhance equity and access
- drive and harness innovation
- improve health services
- provide a high-quality Public Health service

Work is now on-going to define the strategic objectives aligned to these priorities and to identify how they will be achieved. Measures of success and key performance indicators are also being identified which will be key to supporting the implementation of the strategy.

This work will be done in conjunction with public health subject matter experts and the feedback and advice of key internal and external stakeholders.

Watch out for the next edition of the newsletter for further updates.



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You can also check out the HSE Public Health Website at <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/5/publichealth/publichealthdepts/deptpublichealth/>

