

Health & Wellbeing listing of applicable statutory regulation, codes of practice, standards or quality assurance programmes for all Service Arrangements.

This listing is provided as an aid to Providers in accessing the pertinent statutory regulation, codes of practice, standards and quality assurance programmes applicable under the Service Arrangement. It is not an exhaustive listing and Providers must ensure that they have adequate systems in place to identify and comply with all their legal, regulatory and professional responsibilities with regards codes of practice, standards and quality assurance requirements in the delivery of the services. Where HSE specific policies, standards or codes are included, the Provider must ensure it has equivalent standards /policies /codes in place which reflect the principles outlined, in a manner relevant to the Provider's individual structures.

Revised for 2026 (**New/Updated Documents**)

Name of Document	Web Link
Documentation referred to under the Generic heading are available on a separate document list	
A Healthy Weight for Ireland: Obesity Policy & Action Plan 2016-2025 (DOH)	https://gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/a-healthy-weight-for-ireland-obesity-policy-and-action-plan-2016-2025/
Alcohol Partnership Policy: Policy on Public Health Information Initiatives Related to Alcohol (HSE June 2015)	https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/
Child Care Acts 1991 – 2013	Child Care Act, 1991 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1991/en/act/pub/0017/index.html Child Care (Amendment) Act, 2007 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2007/en.act.2007.0026.pdf Child Care (Amendment) Act, 2011 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2011/en.act.2011.0019.PDF Child Care (Amendment) Act, 2013 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2013/en/act/pub/0005/index.html
Child Safeguarding: A Guide for Policy, Procedure and Practice (Tusla)	https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/support-documents/
Calorie Posting Policy, Guidance and other support documentation (HSE 2015)	http://www.hse.ie/eng/about/Who/healthwellbeing/Our-Priority-Programmes/HEAL/Calorie-Posting/
Children First – National Guidance for the Protection and Welfare of Children 2017	https://www.tusla.ie/children-first/children-first-guidance-and-legislation/

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Children's Act 2001	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2001/en/act/pub/0024/index.html
Commission to Inquire into Child Abuse (Amendment) Act 2005	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2005/en/act/pub/0017/index.html
Communication Guidelines for Grant Recipients 2021	Contact National Compliance Unit – Non Statutory Services at bsu.nonstatagencies@hse.ie
<u>COVID-19</u> The HSE, HPSC, HIQA, and Government are managing guidance and reporting requirements for providers for Covid through web pages. Service Providers must keep themselves informed and up to date by accessing websites and documents listed in the next column.	<u>HSE</u> : HSE Guidance and Resources for Service Providers for COVID-19 are available on: https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/news/newsfeatures/covid19-updates/partner-resources <u>HPSC</u>: We recommend that services access the National Public Health Guidance for COVID-19 on www.hpsc.ie for the most up to date information on infection prevention and control available at: https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/respiratory/coronavirus/novelcoronavirus/guidance <u>HIQA</u>: HIQA's Covid 19 publications are available at: https://www.hiqa.ie/areas-we-work/health-technology-assessment/covid-19-publications <u>Government</u>: https://www.gov.ie/
Criminal Justice Act 2006 – 2017	Criminal Justice Act 2006 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2006/en/act/pub/0026/index.html Criminal Justice Act 2017 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2017/act/14/enacted/en/html
Domestic Violence Act 1996 - 2018	Domestic Violence Act, 1996 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1996/en/act/pub/0001/index.html Domestic Violence (Amendment) Act, 2002 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2002/en/act/pub/0030/index.html Domestic Violence Act, 2018 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/6/enacted/en/html
Healthier Vending Policy (2019)	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/our-priority-programmes/heal/healthier-vending/
Healthy Ireland: A Framework for Improved Health & Wellbeing 2013 – 2025	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/
Health Services Healthy Ireland Implementation Plan 2023 – 2027	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/healthy-ireland/hse-health-services-healthy-ireland-implementation-plan-2023-2027.pdf

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HSE Child Protection and Welfare Policy	https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/primarycare/childrenfirst/hse-child-protection-and-welfare-policy/	
HSE Nutrition Standards for food and beverage provision for staff and visitors in Healthcare settings (2019)	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/healthwellbeing/our-priority-programmes/heal/healthier-food-environments/nutrition-standards-for-food-and-beverage-provision-for-staff-and-visitors-in-healthcare-settings.pdf	
Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland 2013	https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/	
Incident Management Framework Incident Management Framework - Guidance	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/nqpsd/qps-incident-management/incident-management/hse-2020-incident-management-framework-guidance.pdf	
	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/nqpsd/qps-incident-management/incident-management/hse-incident-management-framework-guidance-2020.pdf	
Interculturalism Protocol on Working with Clients from Diverse Ethnic and Cultural Backgrounds	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Irish Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (IACP) Code of Ethics & Practice	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	https://iacp.ie/iacp-code-of-ethics-and-practice
Irish Association of Counsellors and Psychotherapists (IACP) Code of Ethics & Practice	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	https://iacp.ie/iacp-code-of-ethics-and-practice
Mental Health Acts 2001 – 2013	Mental Health Act, 2001 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2001/en.act.2001.0025.pdf Mental Health Act, 2008 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/pdf/2008/en.act.2008.0019.pdf Mental Health (Amendment) Act, 2018 – http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/10/enacted/en/html Mental Health (Renewal Orders) Act, 2018 - http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/23/enacted/en/html	
My Options: Information on Unplanned Pregnancy	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	www.myoptions.ie
National Physical Activity Plan for Ireland (Reviewed May 2022)	https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/bed30-review-of-the-national-physical-activity-plan/	

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National Policy and Procedure for Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse December 2014	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/socialcare/safeguardingvulnerableadults/safeguardingvuladts.html	
National Sexual Health Strategy 2015-2020 (DOH)	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	https://health.gov.ie/healthy-ireland/national-sexual-health-strategy-2015-2020/
National Standards for the Protection and Welfare of Children (HIQA) July 2012	https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-protection-and-welfare-children	
National Standards for Safer Better Healthcare (HIQA) June 2012	https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/standard/national-standards-safer-better-healthcare	
National Tobacco Free Campus Policy (HSE April 2012)	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/tobaccocontrol/campus/	
Ombudsman for Children Act 2002	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2002/en/act/pub/0022/index.html	
Policy on Domestic, Sexual & Gender Based Violence (HSE 2010)	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/primarycare/socialinclusion/about-social-inclusion/researchreports/resources-for-domestic-violence.html	
Policy on Protecting HSE Staff from Second Hand Smoke in Domestic Settings (Nov 2014)	https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/tobaccocontrol/shspolicy/	
Patient Information Leaflets from Licensed Abortion Clinics Abroad	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Contact the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme at info@crisispregnancy.ie
Protection of Children (Hague Convention) Act 2000	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2000/en/act/pub/0037/index.html	
Protection of Persons Reporting Child Abuse Act 1998	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1998/en/act/pub/0049/index.html	
Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2018/act/31/enacted/en/pdf
Protocol on Client Confidentiality	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol

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Protocol on Concealed Pregnancy	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Protocol on Criteria for Access to Service – Including Type of Information Provided	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Protocol on Offering Special Facilities (Sign Language, Interpretation etc) to assist people with Disabilities in Accessing Services	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Protocol on Operation of Telephone / Internet Services for Public Use	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Protocol on Organisational Ethos	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Protocol on Supervision	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Protocol on Working with Clients with an Intellectual Disability	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Protocol on Working with Asylum Seeking Women who wish to travel for termination	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Quality Assurance Protocol	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Service Provider to develop Protocol
Second National Strategy on Domestic, Sexual and Gender-Based Violence 2016 – 2020	https://www.justice.ie/en/JELR/Pages/Second-National-Strategy-on-Domestic-Sexual-and-Gender-based-Violence-2016-2021	

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Name of Document		Web Link
Standardised Framework for Crisis Pregnancy Counselling – A Practice Guide	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Contact the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme at info@crisispregnancy.ie
The Agenda for Children’s Services: A Policy Handbook		https://www.lenus.ie/handle/10147/77715
Toolkit: Establishing and Managing a Crisis Pregnancy Counselling Service (2008)	Sexual Health & Crisis Pregnancy Programme ONLY	Contact the HSE Sexual Health and Crisis Pregnancy Programme at info@crisispregnancy.ie
UN Convention on the Rights of the Child 1990		https://www.childrensrights.ie/childrens-rights-ireland/un-convention-rights-child
UN Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities 1993		https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/standard-rules-on-the-equalization-of-opportunities-for-persons-with-disabilities.html
Interim clinical guidance on Risk to Life or Health of a Pregnant Woman in relation to Termination of Pregnancy		https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/acute-hospitals-division/woman-infants/clinical-guidelines/risk-to-life-or-health-of-a-pregnant-woman-in-relation-to-termination-of-pregnancy-2019-.pdf

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