

Healthcare priorities for 2024

Mission: Achieve Universal Healthcare (access, services, affordability) by increasing capacity and modernising the delivery of patient care.

Access

- **Urgent care:** Urgent & Emergency Care Plan 2024.¹
- **Waiting lists:** Waiting List Action Plan 2024², paediatric spinal, CAMHS, ...
- **Community:** Embed ECC; Enhance pharmacies; Increase capacity in: Community beds, General Practice, home care, mental health (NB youth & CAMHS); Progress oral health, ...
- **Other:** Diagnostics, new medicines, ...

Services & Outcomes³

- **Public health:** Legislation, emerging threats agency, Covid progress, new public health plan, ...
- **National strategies:** Legislation, progress existing strategies, women's health, new plans⁴, ...
- **Patient safety:** Legislation, HSE initiatives, regulation, safeguarding, ...

Workforce

- **Capacity:** Safe staffing, new dev roles, college & training places, NCHD taskforce, nursing ERB, ...
- **Effectiveness:** Advanced practice, HSCPs, enhanced pharmacies, GP framework, new roles, ...

Infrastructure

- **Capital plans:** 2024 Plan, Multi-year Plan (incl. regions, rapid build, virtual bed, ...)
- **Large live projects:** NCH, new hospitals, surgical hubs.
- **eHealth:** New patient app, new strategy, Health Information Bill, ...

Reform

- **Productivity:** Taskforce, HPVP, 5 over 7 days a week, consultant contract, private out of public, ...
- **Cost controls:** Recruitment & organisation, taskforce, IFMS, agency & OT, medico-legal, ...
- **Integrated care:** Regional Health Areas, integrated models of care.

¹ Includes hospital avoidance, acute capacity, flow & discharge, injury units, 5/7, community care, ...

² Includes paediatric spinal, CAMHS, productivity, integrated models of care, NTPF and other specific areas.

³ Legislation: Public health = 2nd Vaping / Smoking Bill; National strategies = AHR Bill, Mental Health Bill, Human Tissue Bill; Patient safety = Safe Access Zones Bill, Safeguarding Bill, Health Amendment Bill (HIQA)

⁴ Including: Stroke, diabetes, rare diseases, NAS, cardiology, palliative care.