



# Connecting for Life Strategy Implementation Monitoring Report

Q1 2024

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## Introduction and Overview This Period

This is the Q1 2024 implementation monitoring report for Connecting for Life. It will provide an overview of the work carried out by strategy lead agencies from January 2024 - March 2024.

To date in this period, of the 67 actions in CFL, updates were received on 66. Of the 66 actions for which updates were received, 3 were logged as needing attention and 3 as off track. The majority of actions were considered to be on track. Further detail on the needs attention and off track actions are provided at the end of this report.

**The NGO quarterly CFL implementation report (Q4 2023) will be completed and available at [www.connectingforlifeireland.ie](http://www.connectingforlifeireland.ie) shortly.**

### Some highlights from this period include:

- The National Mental Health Promotion Framework has been completed. Final briefing for Ministers is scheduled for late April 2024, prior to the launch (date TBC).
- The Local Connecting for Life Plan for CHO 3 (Clare, Limerick, North Tipp) has been published.
- Training figures Q4 2023: SafeTALK-1470, ASIST-609, Start-482, USH-273 (and 55 online) and Bereavement-79.
- The Department of Health has secured commitment from the Department of Taoiseach to include a link to the Connecting for Life toolkit under 'further resources/tools' in their 'policy handbook' which is currently under development.
- NOSP has reported ongoing delivery of GP education through ICGP including in the areas of suicide bereavement, Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorders and STORM.
- In January NOSP and the NSRF launched suicide prevention curriculum modules for relevant Health and Social care professionals.
- The IPS & NFMHS have recently signed off on the interagency MOU. A number of service SOP dealing with specifics of service provision, logistics and support will be developed and implemented throughout the remainder of 2024.



- The HSE National Clinical Programme for Self-Harm and Suicide-related Ideation have: issued 5 year retrospective data reports to all hospital sites implementing the NCPSHI; sent a joint letter from the NCPSHI & Emergency Medicines Programme to the 8 hospital with no mental health assessment room; and published a Look back at 2023 e-booklet online.
- NOSP took part in a workshop for staff of the Dublin District Coroner's Office. NOSP is also a supporting partner of the European Grief Conference.
- The SADA Project is back on track and continues to collate, analyse and report on self-harm and suicide across the prison estate. A new Research Assistant jointly funded by IPS/NOSP has commenced work with the NSRF to provide further more detailed analysis of the data and accelerate the publication of annual reports.
- DoH and HRB are working to reestablish data collection on probable suicides using the HRB's existing coronial data collection methodology. This new system will be called the National Probable Suicide Monitoring System (NPSMS). Business case prepared for the Department of Health for two medical research posts to facilitate data collection on probable suicides by NHIS. Sanction for these posts is awaited. Next data collection cycle begins in Q3 2024 if approved.

### **This period, updates were received from 18 partners.**

Coimisiún na Meán (CnM)  
 Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM)  
 Department of Children, Disability, Integration, Equality and Youth (DCDIEY)  
 Department of Education and Skills (DES)  
 Department of Health (DoH)  
 Department of Justice (DoJ)  
 Department of Rural and Community Development (DRCD)  
 Department of Social Protection (DSP)  
 Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media (DTCAGSM) - Sports  
 Health and Safety Authority (HSA)  
 Higher Education Authority (HEA)  
 HSE Health and Wellbeing (HSE H&W)  
 HSE Mental Health Operations (HSE MH Ops)  
 HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention (HSE NOSP)  
 HSE Primary Care (HSE PC)  
 Irish Prison Service (IPS)  
 Irish Probation Service (PS)  
 Local Government Management Authority (LGMA)  
 TUSLA

### **This period, updates were not received from 3 partners.**

Press Council of Ireland  
 HSE Acute Operations  
 Department of Defence



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## Goal 1: Better understanding of suicidal behaviour.

### 1.1 Improve population wide understanding of suicidal behaviour, mental health and wellbeing, and associated protective and risk factors.

- HSE NOSP/NSRF has now received data for 2023 (wave 9.) Preliminary analysis has commenced **(HSE NOSP)**
- Individual meetings held with lead partners to share progress in advance of March meeting. Steering group meeting held in March. Progress updates presented. Agreement to have two further meetings in Q2 to build momentum that was lost due to meetings cancelled as a consequence of industrial action. **(HSE H&W)**
- The document (National Mental Health Promotion Framework) has been completed. Final briefing for Ministers is scheduled for late April 2024, prior to the launch (date TBC). **(DoH)**
- Campaign continued to be promoted on radio, digital audio, video-on-demand, search and social from Jan. Digital display developed in March to promote the launch of the new My Mental Health Plan tool. **(HSE MH Ops)**
- Prep for IOAD in early phases. Safer Nightlife programme to hold number of events from June-Sept. Ongoing work with Night Time Economy Task Force. Implementation of EU Crisscross training programme. On-going collab with NRAG, EDs and Prison service re: early warning. Hidden harm work continues. **(HSE PC)**
- The development of the new NPAP is ongoing and will be published later this year. **(DTCAGSM) - Sports**

### 1.2 Increase awareness of available suicide prevention and mental health services.

- Additional email feature added to My Mental Health Plan to enable users to save plan. Online content on CAMHS completed. Ongoing work on Digital Mental Health Plan. Project to develop a web-based mental health signposting tool supporting young people with help-seeking behaviour commenced in Feb. **(HSE MH Ops)**







- Social media posts developed to promote mental health to a range of priority groups, including a post for International Women's Day and shared partner content for Eating Disorders Awareness Week and First Fortnight. Also targeted activity for St Patrick's Weekend and Easter Weekend. **(HSE MH Ops)**

### 1.3 Reduce stigmatising attitudes to mental health and suicidal behaviour at population level and within priority groups.

- First Fortnight Mental Health Arts Festival delivered in January.  
Shine have recruited to fill See Changes vacancies.  
Other NGOs such as USI and HUGG have continued with local awareness events during Q1. **(HSE NOSP)**

### 1.4 Engage and work collaboratively with the media in relation to media guidelines, tools and training programmes to improve the reporting of suicidal behaviour within broadcast, print and online media.

- No complaints received under Principle 3 of the Code of Programme Standards in Q1. Consultation on Draft Online Safety Code complete. Consultation responses are under review and will be published in due course. **(CnM)**
- Timeline revised to Q2 2024 re. consultation on revised Code of Programme Standards and Code of Fairness, Objectivity and Impartiality in News and Current Affairs covering broadcasting, inviting views on coverage and treatment of suicide and self-harm. **(CnM)**
- Planning continued for 'Media Reporting' event with partners DoH, and WHO - changed to Q3 to mark World Suicide Prevention Day. Work ongoing with 'Real-time Social Media' group (with ROSPs) to develop good practice assets. Met with Headline and HSE MH to discuss scope of MHMA 2024. **(HSE NOSP)**





## Goal 2: Supporting communities to prevent and respond to suicidal behaviour.

### 2.1 Improve the continuation of community level responses to suicide through planned multi-agency approaches.

- Local Plan for CHO3 published. Cork Co Council began erecting signage in East Cork. Meetings with the Port of Cork re areas of concern. Plans in place regarding limiting access. Kerry Co Council have agreed to place signage in seven areas of concern based on research from Suicide Observatory. **(HSE MH Ops)**

### 2.2 Ensure that accurate information and guidance on effective suicide prevention are provided for community-based organisations (e.g. Family Resource Centres, Sporting Organisations).

- Ongoing development of deaths in public places toolkit with interagency advisory group. **(HSE NOSP)**

### 2.3 Ensure the provision and delivery of training and education programmes on suicide prevention to community-based organisations.

- Training figures Q4 2023: SafeTALK-1470, ASIST-609, Start-482, USH-273 (and 55 online) and Bereavement-79. **(HSE NOSP)**
- Realist Evaluation of Social Prescribing underway by Uni of Galway. Data collection for separate outcomes study for social prescribing contracted to TCD complete. Edits complete on content of Stress Balance programme. Feasibility study of Minding your Wellbeing programme for older people underway. **(HSE H&W)**





## Goal 3: Targeted approaches for those vulnerable to suicide.

### 3.1 Improve the implementation of effective approaches to reducing suicidal behaviour among priority groups.

- Secured commitment from the Department of Taoiseach to include a link to the Connecting for Life toolkit under 'further resources/tools' in their 'policy handbook' which is currently under development. **(DoH)**
- DRCD has identified links with CfL and the following policies/programmes: Public Library Strategy; Our Rural Future - the whole-of-Government's policy for balanced, sustainable, regional development; Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme (SICAP) 2024-2028; Empowering Communities Programme (ECP); Community Development Programme (CDP); and the National Volunteering Strategy 2021-2025. **(DRCD)**
- Tusla are developing a Suicide prevention policy for whole of Agency currently and have in place policies and procedures to assist staff working with vulnerable children and families. There is also a robust training program available to all Tusla staff at various levels to support staff. **(TUSLA)**
- 8 farm safety European Innovation Partnerships completed by the end of 2023. Thematic Research Call supporting 20 research projects. eTender for a Farm Safety Initiatives Call to promote farmer health, safety and wellbeing. On Feirm Ground 2 programme training. Workshops commencing in April 2024. **(DAFM)**
- Two DSP trainers have completed the course to deliver ASSIST training to DSP staff. One officers awaits the shadowing exercise afterwhich the training will be provided in-house. **(DSP)**
- The deaths by suspected suicide protocol between the HSE and An Garda Síochána has been approved by the Garda DPO and will be tabled for signing at the next Garda Senior Leadership Team meeting (held monthly). The HSE and AGS have agreed the data to be shared and mechanism for data transfer. **(HSE NOSP)**
- HSE/Tusla protocol for joint working (2021) continues to be used in management of complex cases for young people.  
Implementation of StV recommendation 8 & 37 relating to inter-agency working in provision of support to children & young people who may be experiencing complex difficulties **(HSE MH Ops)**





- ELS funding of €3.8m transferred to CHOs to further support SI S39 services. €1.1m has been allocated to provide wraparound health supports to clients in Housing First tenancies **(HSE PC)**
- NOSP work for priority groups this quarter includes: first draft of social determinants of suicide review completed; Completion of the Being LGBTQI+ in Ireland Survey, a follow on to the 2016 survey. The sample was n=2,806 people. It will be launched in April; Membership of National Traveller Mental Health Working Group; and engagement re. new Autism Innovation Strategy. **(HSE NOSP)**
- Ongoing delivery of GP education through ICGP: developing suicide bereavement education and training materials for GPs; Quick Reference Guide for GPs on Emotionally Unstable Personality Disorders almost complete; Ongoing engagement between ICGP and College of Psychiatrists of Ireland to enhance GP training in mental health (aligned with Sharing the Vision, rec 100); on-going adaptation of STORM training for GP trainees. Q4 2023 STORM training delivered to 44 front line staff. Ongoing implementation of CAMS pilot and ethical approval secured for evaluation. Suicide prevention curriculum for relevant Health and Social care professionals launched in January. **(HSE NOSP)**
- Meeting scheduled with National Social Inclusion office to discuss further plans for the Traveller Wellbeing through Creativity initiative **(HSE H&W)**

### 3.2 Support, in relation to suicide prevention, the Substance Misuse Strategy to address the high rate of alcohol and drug misuse.

- SAOR EBI Guide to Practice in progress. National Hidden Harm Conference in October published videos and Seeing Through Hidden Harm to Brighter Futures Conference Report now available online. 2 practitioners recruited for Health Diversion Programme. **(HSE PC)**

### 3.3 Enhance the supports for young people with mental health problems or vulnerable to suicide.

- Managing Reluctant Attendance and School Avoidance Behaviour: A Good Practice Guide guidelines are being promoted to schools. National TPL through ESCI will be available to promote and support the use of this guidance in schools **(DES)**





- The establishment of a Student Support Team model in larger primary schools has commenced and the pilot project is underway with 5 schools, with a plan to get a further 5 schools involved who are aligned to strand 2 of the new counselling initiative. **(DES)**
- New reporting template yet to be agreed. New HEA Student and Staff Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group established. **(HEA)**
- It is anticipated that the first annual implementation and evaluation report along with the report of the expert group on student participation will be published in the coming months. **(DES)**
- The NCCA has submitted a finalised draft of the Senior Cycle SPHE specification to the Department of Education for Ministerial approval. **(DES)**
- 10 WTEs approved and awaiting Primary Notification Numbers. Once these are issued, recruitment can commence with an anticipated onboarding date of August 2024 caused by delays due to national recruitment. Pay & Non-Pay funding heldback and continuous engagement with DoH to drawdown announced funding. **(HSE PC)**
- Work of the Youth MH Transitions Specialist Group under StV was concluded with the ratification by NIMC of two improvement plans: Enhanced Transition Plan for young people moving from CAMHS to AMHS & Transforming Youth Mental Health Services in Ireland: A New Model, for services up to 25. **(HSE MH Ops)**





## Goal 4: Improved access, consistency and integration of services.

### 4.1 Improve psychosocial and psychiatric assessment and care pathways for people vulnerable to suicidal behaviour.

- Discussion Paper on framework for shared physical health care & prescribing, and draft outline of shared care coordinator role, shared with the StV Primary Care Workstream Group. Outline for operational guidance for the consultation/liaison model is being prepared. 4 Crisis Teams fully operational. **(HSE MH Ops)**
- PPI implementation plan in development. Final phase of training scheduled for peer researchers. Working with MHER to develop experts by experience advisory panel. Developing HSELand modules with MHER, Social Inclusion & external partners. Progress further training options for initial site staff. Issues with recruitment causing delays in all initial site areas. **(HSE MH Ops)**
- The IPS & NFMHS have recently signed off on the interagency MOU. A number of service SOP dealing with specifics of service provision, logistics and support will be developed and implemented throughout the remainder of 2024. **(IPS)**
- Met with CES to review the brief and agree scope of work to finalise the guidance document for HSE staff on people who have self-harmed or are at risk of suicide. **(HSE MH Ops)**
- 5 year retrospective data reports issued to all hospital sites implementing the NCPSHI. Joint letter from the NCPSHI & Emergency Medicines Programme sent to the 8 hospital with no mental health assessment room. Appointment of a full time database manager. Look back at 2023 e-booklet published online **(HSE MH Ops)**

### 4.2 Improve access to effective therapeutic interventions (e.g. counselling, DBT, CBT) for people vulnerable to suicide.

- Improvements to structures and processes supporting implementation of the Model of Care for Talk Therapies in Specialist Mental Health Services agreed by Steering Group. Clinical sign off from ICGP for SilverCloud Space from Sleep programme. Space from Perinatal Wellbeing programme under review. **(HSE MH Ops)**





- Ongoing service delivery of accessible, uniform, evidence based psychological interventions, including counselling, for mental health problems at both primary and secondary care levels **(HSE PC)**

#### 4.3 Improve the uniformity, effectiveness and timeliness of support services to families and communities bereaved by suicide.

- Illustrated book for children and families bereaved by suicide completed with associated guide, audiobook, podcast. NSRF research to identify information needs of children ,young adults & their families bereaved by suicide ongoing. Engaged with ICGP re development of GP suicide bereavement services. **(HSE MH Ops)**
- NOSP took part in a workshop for staff of the Dublin District Coroner's Office. NSRF work ongoing re suicide bereavement supports for children. NOSP is supporting the European Grief Conference. **(HSE NOSP)**





## Goal 5: Safe and high quality services.

### 5.1 Develop and implement national standards and guidelines for statutory and non-statutory organisations contributing to suicide prevention.

- Q4 2023 NGO CfL report published on CfL website. Ongoing engagement with NGOs to agree Service Level Agreements for 2024. **(HSE NOSP)**
- Guidance unit continues to work with stakeholders to identify needs/gaps in the sector and develop policies and resources to meet these needs/gaps. **(DES)**
- All training available online via the wellbeing CPD directory for primary and post-primary. NEPS continue to liaise with ECSI network on roll out of training's to schools (reluctant school attendance, trauma informed practice etc). ESCI Rep sits on Wellbeing Interagency Group who met on 21/03/2024 **(DES)**
- CfL newsletter utilising Mailerlite, in continued operation and aligned to dates of Cross Sectoral activity. Approx. 150 items archived across the two sites with HSE digital and related housekeeping completed. New content on CfL developed across Gov.ie website. **(HSE NOSP)**

### 5.2 Improve the response to suicidal behaviour within health and social care services, with an initial focus on incidents within mental health services.

- Met with CES to review the brief and agree scope of work to finalise the guidance document **(HSE MH Ops)**

### 5.3 Reduce and prevent suicidal behaviour in the criminal justice system.

- SADA Projects continues to collate, analyse and report on self-harm and suicide across the prison estate. A new Research Assistant jointly funded by IPS/NOSP has commenced work with the NSRF to provide further more detailed analysis of the data and accelerate the publication of annual reports. **(IPS)**
- Ongoing audit and implementation of audit recommendations within IPS. **(IPS)**







## 5.4 Ensure best practice among health and social care practitioners through (a) the implementation of clinical guidelines on self-harm and (b) the delivery of accredited education programmes on suicide prevention.

- Safetalk Training was provided to 27 Probation staff in Q1 of 2024. **(PS)**
- Updated WorkPositive CI website launched and promoted in January 2024. **(HSA)**
- IPAS are continuing to integrate suicide prevention awareness into training for front line staff in all residential centers into the requirements to be registered as an IPAS approved center.  
Oberstown - Ongoing development of programme with Storm Skills Training CIC using evidence informed initiative. **(DCDIEY)**
- Continued roll out of Mental Health Awareness Training across the prison estate. The IPS is developing an e-learning update module for all staff to update and introduce new material that all staff will be able to access through the IPS College intranet facility. **(IPS)**
- Learning and Development within DoH have been short staffed this past quarter so have pushed out the actions to next quarter. **(DoH)**
- Tusla offers training at various levels to all staff within the Agency. The National training lead works with HSE staff in NOSP to provide comprehensive training options in suicide prevention. Tusla is also working with HSE to jointly fund a Tusla version of online training. **(TUSLA)**
- Training needs are reviewed by the sector as required. Due to competing priorities the follow up with the sector re any particular challenges has been delayed until early Q2. The new 'Let's Talk About Suicide' free training programme being launched in May is a very welcome development. **(LGMA)**
- Presentation by Ailish O'Neill, NOSP National Education and Training Manager to Wellbeing Interagency Group who met on 21/03/2024 to give overview of NOSP Training.  
**(DES)**
- In Q1 2024 68 DSP staff members attended SafeTALK training. **(DSP)**





- Engagement with Professional Regulation Unit has taken place regarding this action and it has been proposed that DoH and NOSP colleagues speak to the Regulator's Forum hosted by Professional Regulation Unit regarding the provision of education on suicide prevention to health professionals. **(DoH)**



## Goal 6: Reduce access to means.

### 6.1 Reduce access to frequently used drugs in intentional drug overdose.

- Work ongoing to develop proposal for funding for DUMP pilot scheme. Further meeting of the DUMP policy paper subgroup took place on 4th April 2024 at which progress was made regarding the drafting of the policy paper on the proposed National DUMP scheme. **(DoH)**
- In relation to restriction of access to paracetamol the following took place: Baseline survey report finalized and circulated to WG members; Dissemination of educational materials continued; Webinar conducted for IOP members; WG meeting held on 29th Feb 2024; Market surveillance options explored; Ethics amendment for second survey in April 2024 obtained. **(DoH)**

### 6.2 Reduce access to highly lethal methods used in suicidal behaviour.

- Continue to engage with the Advisory Group towards finalising the Guidance on Preventing Deaths in Public Places. **(LGMA)**
- Ligature Risk-Reduction Steering Committee completed review and update of the Ligature Risk Reduction Policy and Audit Tool **(HSE MH Ops)**

## Goal 7: Better data and research.

### 7.1 Evaluate the effectiveness and costeffectiveness of Connecting for Life.

- Evaluation contract signed; Evaluation team attended Q 1 Evaluation Advisory Group meeting; Evaluation Stakeholder Group convened - evaluators in attendance; CfL stakeholder mapping completed by NOSP sent to evaluators. NOSP issued a Request for tender for the evaluation of the Cork & Kerry Suicide Observatory. **(HSE NOSP)**

### 7.2 Improve access to timely and high quality data on suicide and self-harm.

- Tusla has in place a procedure for notifying concerns of self harm by children in care settings. **(TUSLA)**
- The National Suicide Research Foundation is developing a feasibility study for the development of new National Probable Suicide Register. Multiagency Steering Group is in place to support this work. Community suicide guidance document completed, following a review of survey findings in pilot sites. **(HSE MH Ops)**
- A paper on IPSDS (2015-2018) deaths in public places was completed. A paper of probable suicide amongst farmers is being prepared with UCD Psychology and Agriculture. Analysis has commenced on suicide amongst women. Ongoing engagement with CSO liaison group re. data enhancement. DoH and HRB working to to reestablish data collection on probable suicides using the HRB's existing coronial data collection methodology. This new system will be called the National Probable Suicide Monitoring System (NPSMS). Business case prepared for the Department of Health for two medical research posts to facilitate data collection on probable suicides by NHIS. Sanction for these posts is awaited. Next data collection cycle begins in Q3 2024 if approved. **(HSE NOSP)**

### 7.3 Review (and, if necessary, revise) current recording procedures for death by suicide.

- CSO Suicide Mortality Statistics meeting held on 17.01.24. IPS working to expedite publication of SADA reports. Deaths by suspected suicide protocol between HSE and AGS approved by the AGS DPO. Collection of probable suicide data using HRB coronial data methodology being progressed. **(DoJ)**

### 7.4 Develop a national research and evaluation plan that supports innovation and is aimed at early identification of suicide risk, assessment, intervention and prevention.

- HEA continues to support work of NSRF. **(HEA)**





- ExAG met January - tender proposal for evaluation of CfL discussed with the evaluation team; A joint DIAG/ExAG meeting held in March to discuss evidencing the impact of CfL (i.e. suicide data sources and analysis). Planet Youth Steering Group meeting & a series of dissemination events held. CSO Suicide Mortality Statistics Liaison Group met in January to review the CSU annual release of suicide data in 2023; DoH Statistics and Analytics Unit to now nominate a member to this Group. **(HSE NOSP)**
- Farmers project is progressing and the Safety Planning project is also progressing. Training has commenced and they are interviewing for a research assistant. HSE NOSP issued a Request for Tender for the evaluation Cork and Kerry Suicide Observatory. **(HSE NOSP)**





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## At a Glance: Needs Attention

### Goal 3

#### 3.1.2 Develop and implement a range of agency and inter-agency operational protocols (including protocols for sharing information and protocols in respect of young people) to assist organisations to work collaboratively in relation to suicide prevention and the management of critical incidents.

- The deaths by suspected suicide protocol between the HSE and An Garda Síochána has been approved by the Garda DPO and will be tabled for signing at the next Garda Senior Leadership Team meeting (held monthly). The HSE and AGS have agreed the data to be shared and mechanism for data transfer. *(HSE NOSP)*

### Goal 5

#### 5.4.2 Deliver training in suicide prevention to staff in government departments and agencies who are likely to come into contact with people who are vulnerable to/at risk of suicidal behaviour.

- Training needs are reviewed by the sector as required. Due to competing priorities the follow up with the sector re any particular challenges has been delayed until early Q2. The new 'Let's Talk About Suicide' free training programme being launched in May is a very welcome development. *(LGMA)*

### Goal 6

#### 6.1.1 Work with professional groups to reduce the inappropriate prescribing of medicines commonly used in intentional overdose, including benzodiazepines and SSRIs.

- Work ongoing to develop proposal for funding for DUMP pilot scheme. Further meeting of the DUMP policy paper subgroup took place on 4th April 2024 at which progress was made regarding the drafting of the policy paper on the proposed National DUMP scheme. *(DoH)*





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## At a Glance: Off Track

### Goal 1

**1.4.2 Broadcasting Authority of Ireland will apply and monitor its Code of Programme Standards, including Principle 3 - Protection from Harm, which references self-harm and suicide, so as to ensure responsible coverage around these issues in the broadcast media.**

- Timeline revised to Q2 2024 re. consultation on revised Code of Programme Standards and Code of Fairness, Objectivity and Impartiality in News and Current Affairs covering broadcasting, inviting views on coverage and treatment of suicide and self-harm. *(CnM)*

### Goal 3

**3.3.6 Deliver early intervention and psychological support service for young people at primary care level.**

- 10 WTEs approved and awaiting Primary Notification Numbers. Once these are issued, recruitment can commence with an anticipated onboarding date of August 2024 caused by delays due to national recruitment. Pay & Non-Pay funding heldback and continuous engagement with DoH to drawdown announced funding. *(HSE PC)*

### Goal 4

**4.1.2 Provide a co-ordinated, uniform and quality assured service and deliver pathways of care for those with co-morbid addiction and mental health difficulties.**

- PPI implementation plan in development. Final phase of training scheduled for peer researchers. Working with MHER to develop experts by experience advisory panel. Developing HSELand modules with MHER, Social Inclusion & external partners. Progress further training options for initial site staff. Issues with recruitment causing delays in all initial site areas. *(HSE MH Ops)*





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