

Department of Health

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Richard Boyd Barrett – *To ask the Minister for Health to provide details of all active interdepartmental, interagency, and department-agency working groups organised under her remit.*

	Group Name	Established	Link
1.	National Clinical Effectiveness Committee	Sep 2010	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/national-clinical-effectiveness-committee/
2.	Department of Health – CSO Health Data Liaison Group	Jul 2014	https://www.cso.ie/en/aboutus/lgdp/cgt/ocg/csogroups/doh-csolg/
3.	National Interdepartmental Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Consultative Committee	Nov 2014	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/national-interdepartmental-amr-consultative-committee-meetings/
4.	National Physical Activity Plan (NPAP) Implementation Group	2016	https://www.gov.ie/en/healthy-ireland/policy-information/healthy-ireland-policies/#physical-activity
5.	Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group (OPIOG)	Oct 2017	https://www.gov.ie/en/healthy-ireland/policy-information/addressing-obesity/
6.	Healthy Ireland Survey Advisory Group	Jul 2018	https://www.gov.ie/en/healthy-ireland/collections/healthy-ireland-survey-documents/
7.	Health Behaviours in School-aged Children (HBSC) Survey Advisory Group	Jul 2018	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-public-health-wellbeing-and-the-national-drugs-strategy-publishes-the-irish-health-behaviour-in-school-aged-children-hbsc-trends-report/
8.	Irish Physical Activity Research Collaboration (I-PARC) Steering Group	Sep 2018	https://i-parc.ie/
9.	Medicines Criticality Assessment Group (MCAG)	2018	https://www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/question/2024-07-02/467/
10.	Women's Health Taskforce	Sep 2019	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/campaigns/womens-health-taskforce/
11.	Health Diversion Scheme Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation Group	Oct 2019	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/ministers-harris-flanagan-and-byrne-announce-health-led-approach-to-the-possession-of-drugs-for-personal-use/
12.	National Screening Advisory Committee	Nov 2019	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/campaigns/national-screening-advisory-committee-nsac/

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13.	Dedicated Child Health Workforce Steering Group	Jan 2020	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/first-5/
14.	Sharing the Vision National Implementation and Monitoring Committee	Dec 2020	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/national-implementation-and-monitoring-committee-steering-committee/
15.	Taskforce for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix – Phase 3(i)	Feb 2021	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/safe-staffing-phase-3-part-i-taskforce/
16.	Waiting List Task Force	Oct 2021	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-publishes-the-waiting-time-action-plan-2026/
17.	Sláintecare Programme Board	Dec 2021	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/sl%C3%A1intecare-programme-board/
18.	Steering Group for the Strategic Review of General Practice	Apr 2023	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/steering-group-for-the-strategic-review-of-general-practice/
19.	Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Healthcare Assistants – Implementation Group	Jun 2023	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/strategic-workforce-advisory-group-on-home-carers-and-nursing-home-healthcare-assistants-implementation/
20.	Fluoridation Surveillance Working Group	Jul 2023	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/smile-agus-sl%C3%A1inte-national-oral-health-policy/
21.	One Health Oversight Committee	Jul 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/ministers-announce-establishment-of-one-health-oversight-committee/
22.	Sláintecare Joint Project Leads Group	Sep 2023	https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/slaintecare-progress-report-20212023.pdf
23.	HSE and Department of Health Data Systems Access Group	Nov 2023	N/A
24.	Productivity and Savings Taskforce	Jan 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/productivity-and-savings-taskforce/
25.	HealthData@IE Steering Group	Mar 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/healthdataie-national-project-implementing-ehds/
26.	Medicines Sustainability Taskforce	Mar 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/medicines-sustainability-taskforce/

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27.	Commission on Care for Older People	Mar 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/campaigns/commission-on-care-for-older-people/
28.	Physiotherapist Referral for Radiological Procedures Expert Working Group	Mar 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-announces-new-training-programme-that-will-allow-physiotherapists-to-refer-patients-for-investigations/
29.	Population-Based Resource Allocation (PBRA) Expert Group	Mar 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-stephen-donnely-welcomes-the-publication-of-towards-population-based-funding-for-health-model-proposal/
30.	Population-Based Resource Allocation (PBRA) Technical Advisory Group	Mar 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-stephen-donnely-welcomes-the-publication-of-towards-population-based-funding-for-health-model-proposal/
31.	Food Contact Materials (FCM) Interdepartmental Steering Group	Mar 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/food-contact-materials-interdepartmental-steering-committee/
32.	Healthy Age Friendly Homes (HAFH) Operational Group	May 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-mental-health-and-older-people-launches-national-rollout-of-the-healthy-age-friendly-homes-programme/
33.	Sláintecare Patient Safety Assurance Project (SPSAP) Working Group	Jun 2024	https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/Path_to_Universal_Healthcare_Slaintecare_P Programme_for_Gov_2025.pdf
34.	Diabetes Policy and Services Review Steering Group	Jul 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/diabetes-policy-and-services-review-steering-group/
35.	National Hearing Care Plan Working Group	Aug 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-establishes-national-hearing-care-plan-working-group/
36.	Community Pharmacy Expansion Implementation Oversight Group	Sep 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/community-pharmacy-expansion-implementation-oversight-group/
37.	Interdepartmental/Agency Implementation Group for the Report on the Rising Cost of Health-related Claims	Sep 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-publishes-the-implementation-plan-for-the-recommendations-of-the-report-of-the-interdepartmental-working-group-on-the-rising-cost-of-health-related-claims/
38.	Folic Acid Steering Group	Nov 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/collections/folic-acid-steering-group/

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39.	Alcohol Act Technical Evaluation Group	Nov 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/healthy-ireland/policy-information/healthy-ireland-alcohol-policy/
40.	Breastfeeding Steering Group	Dec 2024	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-burke-announces-additional-breastfeeding-supports-for-2025/
41.	Tobacco Free Ireland Policy Working Group	Mar 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/healthy-ireland/policy-information/tobacco-free-ireland/
42.	Health Threats Advisory Group	Apr 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-publishes-report-of-the-emerging-health-threats-function-expert-steering-group/
43.	National Sexual Health Strategy Implementation Group	Jun 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/healthy-ireland/policy-information/national-sexual-health-strategy-2025-2035/
44.	Sunbed Working Group	Jul 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-murnane-oconnor-welcomes-iph-report-on-sunbed-use-and-announces-a-cross-departmental-working-group-to-explore-a-ban-on-commercial-sunbed-use/
45.	National Drugs Strategy Steering Group	Aug 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/terms-of-reference-steering-group-established-to-provide-oversight-and-guidance-to-the-development-of-the-new-national-drugs-strategy
46.	Interdepartmental Steering Group for Mental Health	Aug 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-butler-convenes-new-cross-government-group-to-coordinate-mental-health-policy/
47.	National Mental Health Research Strategy Implementation and Oversight Group	Aug 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/inaugural-meeting-of-national-mental-health-research-strategy-implementation-and-oversight-group/
48.	Expert Advisory Group for Ireland's Next Suicide Reduction Strategy	Sep 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-butler-appoints-expert-advisory-group-for-irelands-next-suicide-reduction-strategy/
49.	Medical Device / In Vitro Diagnostic Regulation (MDR/IVDR) Stakeholder Group	Sep 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/medical-device-regulations-eu-2017745-and-in-vitro-diagnostic-medical-devices-regulations-eu-2017746/
50.	Endometriosis Priority Actions Advisory Group	Oct 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-launches-irelands-first-national-endometriosis-framework/
51.	Expert Oversight Group for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix – Phase 3(ii)	Nov 2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/publications/framework-for-safe-nurse-staffing-and-skill-mix-phase-3/

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52.	Healthy Ireland Framework Oversight Group	2025	https://www.gov.ie/en/healthy-ireland/campaigns/healthy-ireland/
53.	Strategic Medicines Access and Availability Group (SMAAG)	Nov 2025	N/A
54.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness Assessment (PHEPA) Project Group	Dec 2025	N/A
55.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness Assessment (PHEPA) Oversight Group	Feb 2026	N/A
56.	Rare Disease Strategy Implementation Oversight Group	Feb 2026	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-health-publishes-the-national-rare-disease-strategy-2025-2030/
57.	Adult Safeguarding Research Strategy Development Advisory Group	Feb 2026	https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/ministers-launch-new-national-policy-framework-for-adult-safeguarding-in-the-health-and-social-care-sector/