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## Sláintecare Action Plan 2023

### Mid-Year Progress Report

August 2023



Sláintecare Implementation  
Strategy & Action Plan  
**2021 – 2023**

## **Sláintecare Action Plan 2023**

The published Sláintecare Action Plan 2023 contains a total of 129 output-based deliverables. This report provides an update, by programme and project of the status of each deliverable and a lookahead for anticipated performance for all deliverables.

### **Key Achievements delivered in January to June 2023 are:**

#### **Community Care:**

- A total of 81,319 patient contacts made by Community Specialist Teams for Older people, to end May 23 versus plan of 74,756 and total of 102,381 patient contacts made by Community Specialist Teams for chronic disease compared to a plan of 96,782
- Finalised CES/HSE evaluation of Home Support Pilot
- Completed the recruitment of all approved posts for the National Home Support Office and progress in line with plan
- Recruited a new Assistant National Director Consultant Clinical Lead for Child and Youth Mental Health
- The Healthy Workplace website was launched in May and is intended to be a one-stop-shop that helps organisations to make their workplace a Healthy Workplace
- An update on the investment and progress of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme was published in January. The goal is to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of 19 communities across Ireland by tackling health inequalities with a focus on the determinants of health

#### **Acute Care:**

- Prepared and published 2023 Waiting List Action Plan
- The locations of six surgical hubs were announced in May – these are being developed in key locations on-site or on sites operated under the governance of Model 4 hospitals with the intent of having an impact on day-case waiting lists in advance of the development of elective hospitals at Dublin, Cork & Galway
- In April, the Major Trauma Centres at the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin and Cork University Hospital were opened, in line with the vision of the national trauma strategy 'A Trauma System for Ireland'

#### **Eligibility & Strategic Workforce Planning**

- Legislation to remove the acute public in-patient charge of €80 for all public patients in all public hospitals was enacted
- In June, it was announced that the number of GP Training Places will increase from an intake of 258 in 2022 to 350 in 2024 – a 35% increase and the total number of trainees undertaking the four-year programme will increase from the current 932 to 1,300 in 2026 – a 45% increase
- Started implementation of the public-only Consultant Contract
- €25 million in funding for 854 additional nursing posts was announced, to fully implement the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix in all acute hospitals nationally
- The Terms of Reference for a Strategic Review of General Practice (GP) were published in April and this key review is to be completed in 2023

- The National Taskforce on the Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors (NCHD) Workforce developed interim recommendations to address identified challenges for NCHDs, which were published by the Minister in April

**Other key Reforms:**



- Launched Learning Network for Round 2 Sláintecare Integration Innovation projects
- The Health System Performance Assessment (HSPA) platform was launched on 19 June
- The Principles and Policies of the Health Information Bill were approved by Cabinet in April 2022, and the General Scheme has been developed in consultation with stakeholders, including members of the public

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## Reform Programme 1

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**Improving Safe, Timely Access to Care, and Promoting Health & Wellbeing** focusing on – integration, safety, prevention, shift of care to the right location, productivity, extra capacity and reduction of waiting lists, **including:**

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| Project 1 |  | Implement the Health Service Capacity Review (2018) including Healthy Living, Enhanced Community Care and Hospital Productivity |
| Project 2 |  | Scale and mainstream Integration Innovation   |
| Project 3 |  | Streamline Care Pathways, from prevention to discharge  |
| Project 4 |  | Develop Elective Ambulatory Care Centres in Dublin, Cork, and Galway  |
| Project 5 |  | Implement a Multi-annual Waiting List Reduction Plan  |
| Project 6 |  | Implement the eHealth Programme   |
| Project 7 |  | Remove private care from public hospitals – implement the Sláintecare Consultant Contract                                       |
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## Reform Programme 2

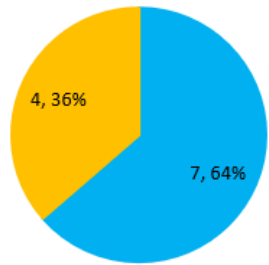
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**Addressing Health Inequalities** focusing on – moving towards Universal Healthcare, **including:**

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| Project 1 |  | Develop a Population Health Approach for Service Planning and Funding |
| Project 2 |  | Rollout Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme                     |
| Project 3 |  | Develop Regional Health Areas   |
| Project 4 |  | Implement Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016 – 2025                  |
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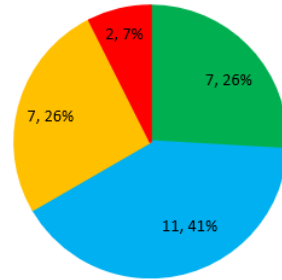
**June 2023 – Overall projected status for 2023**

Q1 All Programmes



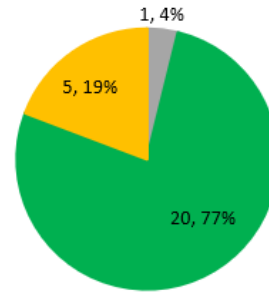
Q1 RAG Status	Count	Percentage
Complete	7	64%
Minor Delay	4	36%
<b>Grand Total</b>	11	100%

Q2 All Programmes



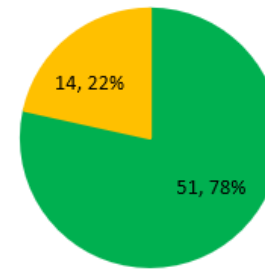
Q2 RAG Status	Count	Percentage
On track	7	26%
Complete	11	41%
Minor Delay	7	26%
Significant Delay	2	7%
<b>Grand Total</b>	27	100%

Q3 All Programmes



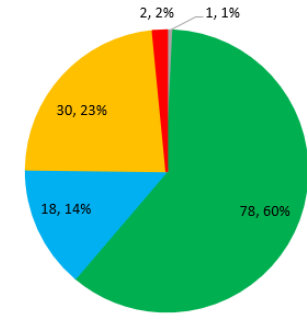
Q3 RAG Status	Count	Percentage
On track	20	77%
Minor Delay	5	19%
Pending	1	4%
<b>Grand Total</b>	26	100%

Q4 All Programmes



Q4 RAG Status	Count	Percentage
On track	51	78%
Minor Delay	14	22%
<b>Grand Total</b>	65	100%

Full Year Lookahead - All Programmes



RAG Status	Count	Percentage
On track	78	60%
Complete	18	14%
Minor Delay	30	23%
Significant Delay	2	2%
Pending	1	1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	129	100%

**CHART:**

- Pending
- On track
- Complete
- Minor Delay
- Significant Delay

## Sláintecare Action Plan 2023 - project deliverables status as of end June

### REFORM PROGRAMME 1 - Improving Safe, Timely Access to Care, and Promoting Health & Wellbeing

Sláintecare Action Plan: Programmes	Deliverable	Deliverable RAG Status	Deliverable Comment	Org Responsible for delivery	Deliverable Quarter
Programme 1 Project 1 – Implement Health Service Capacity Review (HCR 2018)	Secure resources and commence progress assessment of implementation of Health Service Capacity review (2018)	Complete	Scope of project set to conduct a refresh of the 2018 Health Capacity review.	DoH	Q2
	Complete draft report on HCR update to inform 2024 planning	On track	The Department of Health and the Health Service Executive have kicked off a refresh of the 2018 Health Service Capacity Review given the intervening changes to demographic and non-demographic growth, on the basis that the analysis of capacity requirements should be a normal component of any healthcare system's planning cycle and to develop a capacity planning framework which can be updated in the future. A key input to this work will be detailed Central Statistics Office (CSO) statistical releases emerging from the latest Census of Population expected later in the year including small area population statistics. First outputs will be available by year end and into early 2024. This review will be a key input to planning for the next phase of the National Development Plan and beyond.	DoH	Q4
Programme 1 Project 1 – Implement Health Service Capacity Review (HCR 2018) Workstream 1 – Healthy Living	Progress eLearning training to frontline staff on Making Every Contact Count brief intervention in line with plan	Significant Delay	Significant challenges within HSE on releasing staffing to complete this training due to service pressure demands and recruitment challenges. Unlikely that targets will be achieved before year-end.	HSE	Q2
	Provide eLearning training to 5,700 frontline staff on the Making Every Contact Count brief intervention	Minor Delay	Significant challenges within HSE on releasing staffing to complete this training due to service pressure demands and recruitment challenges. Unlikely that targets will be achieved before year-end.	HSE	Q4
	Scope and develop a digital intervention to support reduced alcohol consumption by the general population using professional and community online support	Minor Delay	Ongoing consultation with digital advisory group on additional tools and resources to be integrated within 'askaboutalcohol.ie' website. Due for completion in September 23 as per BSS status is delayed. Planned adaptation of Australian app no longer viable- HSE Digital reviewing Askaboutalcohol website to determine tools / resources that can be provided through this website.	HSE	Q4.
	Report on the progress to complete design of a Physical Activity Referral Pathway to support referrals to physical activity programmes with funded organisation outside the health services in partnership with Sport Ireland	Minor delay	Qualitative research complete and report completed. Planning for stakeholder event 14th Sept continuing. Sanction received in June from HSE ICT to tender for digital platform, preparing request for HSE Procurement Support. Exercise professional training project commenced with South East Technical University (SETU). Development of training programme for health professionals with National Institute of Preventative Cardiology (NIPC) continued. Delay in receiving sanction for digital platform has impacted on timelines for completing the design phase, anticipated completion is end quarter 4.	HSE	Q2
	Complete design of a Physical Activity Referral Pathway to support referrals to physical activity programmes with	On track	Update as above	HSE	Q4

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	funded organisation outside the health services in partnership with Sport Ireland				
	Renew and refresh the National Physical Activity Plan while strengthening support for physical activity participation	On track	New NPAP being developed at present, will be launched by end 2023	DoH	Q4
	Review Period Poverty expressions of interest and allocate funding for projects	Minor Delay	To date, 19 Local Authorities and 10 NGOs have been provided with funding to progress period poverty mitigation projects. This includes an allocation of €90,000 approx. to the Family Resource Centre National Forum to provide supports through 44 Family Resource Centres. The HSE National Social Inclusion Office has also allocated funding to all 9 CHOs to provide supports, focussing on Travellers, Roma and other high-risk groups.	DoH	Q1
	Launch the National Mental Health Promotion Plan	On track	Draft report to inform the development of the NMHPP was presented to the Oversight Group in May 2023. Initial engagement with D/Taoiseach to progress the whole of government agenda to support next stage in the development of the plan has commenced.	DoH	Q4
Programme 1  Project 1 – Implement Health Service Capacity Review (HCR 2018)  Workstream 2 – Enhanced Community Care (ECC)	Complete recruitment to enable full operationalisation of all 96 CHNs	Minor Delay	94 CHNs operational and work continues to progress set up of outstanding 2 networks. There is a delay with this due to recruitment issues	HSE	Q1
	Report on the operation and the impact of 96 CHNs	On track	Progressing	HSE	Q4
	Complete recruitment to enable full operationalisation of all 30 CSTs for older people and 30 CSTs for chronic disease	Minor Delay	23 ICPOP CSTs & 24 ICPCD CSTs Operational as @ 30 June. Recruitment issues impacting operationalisation of the remaining teams.	HSE	Q2
	Report on the operation and the impact of 30 CSTs for older people and 30 CSTs for chronic disease	On track	A total of 81,319 patient contacts made by CSTs for Older people, to end May 23 v plan of 74,756 and total of 102,381 patient contacts made by CSTs for chronic disease v plan of 96,782 (from BSS)	HSE	Q4
	Optimise recruitment to close out the ECC Programme 3,500 during 2023	Minor Delay	As @ end of April- 2,641 onboarded or at an advanced stage of recruitment. (2,417 onboarded with 224 at advanced stage of recruitment)	HSE	Q4
	Report on the collection of quarterly ECC metrics	On track	Progressing	HSE	Q4
	Commence implementation and roll out of the interim ICT solution and capital infrastructure Programme	On track	Procurement process to close out end of July, with a design period to follow in August to Sept. Proposed solution implementation Sept / early October to targeted cohorts of stakeholders across the programme	HSE	Q3
	Report on the progress of the roll out of the interim ICT solution	On track	As above	HSE	Q4
	Develop and seek approval of Public Sector Spending Code (PSC) Business Case for an Integrated Community Case Management System (ICCMS) that provides clinical and operational functionality required to support integrated care across community services	On track	The original completion date of end of June was extended due to national/Ministerial considerations on agreed rates to notify in the Authorisation Scheme. Considerable work has been completed since the rate was agreed to progress the Scheme within the Procurement requirements and the expected completion date of Aug 14th is on target	HSE	Q4
	Complete Strategic Review of GP Services setting out measures to ensure sustainable GP services	On track	Terms of Reference published on 3 April	DoH	Q3
	Based on the Strategic Review of GP services, prepare proposals for a response, including consideration of resource requirements	On track	Implementation to follow completion of Strategic Review	DoH	Q4
	Finalise CES/HSE evaluation of Home Support Pilot	Complete	Evaluation of pilot complete	HSE	Q1
	Complete the recruitment of all approved posts for the National Home Support Office and progress in line with plan	Complete	All staff are recruited	HSE	Q2

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	Establish the National Home Support Scheme Office	On track	In progress, on target for planned delivery, however issues relating to escalating costs for office fit out and configuration being addressed - work ongoing with HSE Estates and legal.	HSE	Q3
	Establish a new framework and pricing for the provision of publicly funded home support services	Minor Delay	Due for completion end of August 2023	HSE	Q2
	Agree finalised regulations for home support providers and collaborate with HIQA on National Standards Development	On track	IPH public consultation report published Jan 2023. Final targeted stakeholder consultation on draft regulations began in May 2023, which will inform amendments prior to submission for pre-legislative scrutiny. Once finalised, HIQA will initiate public consultation on Homecare and Home Support Standards.	DoH	Q3
	Bring Heads of Bill, Memo for Government and Regulatory Impact Analysis on home support providers to Government for approval	On track	Drafting the Heads of Bill is entering the final stages. Met with Health Vote DPENDR on 28th June and they will forward feedback to us on the Regulatory Impact Analysis. We are meeting major stakeholders on a regular basis- HIQA will be the regulator once the Bill is enacted.	DoH	Q3
	Complete recruitment of 128 interRAI Care Needs Facilitators	Significant Delay	Significant delay in recruitment	HSE	Q2
	Transition to a position in 2023 whereby, from December 2023, 60% of all new home support care needs assessments undertaken by community staff using the standardised care needs assessment tool	Minor Delay	Work remains ongoing via our interRAI Workstream to progress the implementation of interRAI across the health system. At end of May, 2% of all new home support care needs assessments undertaken using standardised care needs assessment tool v plan of 20% (per BSS)	HSE	Q4
	Finalise new operational model and implementation plan for publicly funded residential community care	On track	Significant work ongoing via national residential steering groups and associated work streams. Target remains on track for delivery.	HSE	Q4
	Develop and finalise a comprehensive reform strategy for future Day Service provision in Ireland for submission to the HSE Board for consideration and approval	On track	on track for delivery.	HSE	Q3
	Commission a review of Rehabilitative Training Services Nationally to understand impact of service and future structures	On track	Work continues on this deliverable	HSE	Q3
	Expand the National demonstrator project by establishing 2 additional Community Neuro-Rehabilitation Teams in CHO 2,4,6 & 7	On track	CHO 2 and 4 in process of establishing Local implementation Group for local sign off. CHO 6 and CHO 7 in process of securing primary notifications for all posts to proceed to recruitment	HSE	Q4
	Establish 66 new family forums and 9 CHO family representative groups to ensure service user and family participation in child disability network team service development at national /regional and local levels	On track	51 Family Forums have commenced 3 Family Representative Groups are in place - work ongoing to progress outstanding Forums and Groups	HSE	Q4
	Complete engagement with DPER and other departments on draft Disability Action Plan 2023 – 2026	On track	Engagement with DPER and other departments on draft Action Plan 2024-2026 is on-going with a target to go to Government for approval of the Plan in early quarter 3 2023 and to publish in the autumn.	DoH	Q3
	* Launch and publish Disability Action Plan 2023 - 2026 * Put in place delivery and oversight mechanisms and commence oversight of implementation * Initiate work on specific supporting actions set out in the Action Plan	On track	Currently on track for publication in autumn 2023 (subject to Government approval)	DoH	Q4
	Provide an update on progress of the Personalised Budget Pilot	On track	As of 21 June 2023, there are 283 participants, of whom 115 are active participants and 26 have drawn down a personalised budget for use. The Minister of State with	DoH	Q4



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			responsibility for Disability granted an extension to the Personalised Budget Pilot until quarter3 2023, with the accompanying evaluation process to be completed in quarter 2, 2024. This extension will facilitate suitable applicant participation and allow time for a robust evaluation to be completed.		
	Oversee the implementation of Connecting for Life, including oversight of the development and monitoring of the 2023 Connecting For Life implementation plan, the coordination of 9 Department of Health actions under the strategy throughout 2023 & update on progress on a quarterly basis	On track	All actions on track as at quarter 2 2023. Mental Health Unit engaging with all internal DoH action owners to ensure delivery in line with agreed timelines.	DoH	Q4
	Commission an evaluation of the current Connecting for Life strategy to guide the development of a successor strategy in 2024	On track	DoH is engaging with National Office of Suicide Prevention to set agreed parameters for an evaluation to be completed by year end, to inform 2024 strategy. Work progressing in line with expectations. Draft proposal is under review by DoH.	DoH	Q4
	Monitor all service developments related to youth mental health. Oversee service improvements in CAMHS arising from Maskey report and associated audits and reviews. Report of progress on a quarterly basis	On track	MHU will continue to monitor monthly progress on youth mental health and CAMHS service improvements with HSE Mental Health Services in line with HSE Service Plan 2023 and the Department of Health DRC process.	DoH	Q4
	Recruit a new Assistant National Director (AND) Consultant Clinical Lead for Child and Youth Mental Health	Complete	Both positions have been recruited within timeline outlined. Start date of positions subject to final HR checks and agreement with postholders. Formal announcement of Clinical Lead completed	HSE	Q2
	Implement Crisis resolution services across 5 existing pilot sites and complete interim evaluation report	On track	Model of Care for CRS launched May 2023. CHO 4 Crisis Resolution Teams operational (2 teams) and Solace cafe staff recruited x 7. CHO 1 & CHO 6 Crisis Resolution teams operational. CHO 5 Crisis Resolution Team operational July 2023. CHO 3 Crisis Resolution Team anticipated to be operational quarter.4.	HSE	Q4
	Publish a National Mental Health Services Research and Evaluation Strategy	Minor Delay	The Expert Advisory Group tasked with developing the National Population Mental Health and Mental Health Research and Evaluation Strategy and an associated Implementation Plan was established. The Group met for the first time in quarter 2 2023, and its work is ongoing.	DoH	Q4
	Progress the Mental Health Bill	On track	Drafting of Bill prioritised in Spring and Summer Legislative Programmes. Based on length and complexity of Bill, OPC advised that Bill will not be ready to publish in summer legislative session. Work will continue on Bill over summer break and into the autumn.	DoH	Q4
	Support National Implementation and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) for Sharing the Vision and production and publication of quarterly Implementation Monitoring reports	On track	The National Implementation and Monitoring Committee (NIMC) is collectively responsible for driving and overseeing the long-term implementation of the national mental health policy, Sharing the Vision. The Department of Health provides the Secretariat for the NIMC and accordingly supports the NIMC in the production and publication of Implementation Monitoring reports, as well as NIMC Quarterly Report analysis documents. This deliverable is ongoing and Implementation Monitoring reports are published quarterly.	DoH	Q4
	Progress implementation of HSE and non-HSE, Sharing the Vision recommendations within DoH and with external stakeholders	On track	Eighty-three of the 100 recommendations are being led by various care groups within the HSE and supporting partners, while the remaining 17 recommendations are being led by the Department of Health and other government departments and state agencies. The DoH Secretariat collects and collates updates on the various actions under its remit on a quarterly basis. The DoH Secretariat attends regular meetings at which progress on the various HSE and non-HSE actions is discussed and contributes to the development of Implementation Monitoring reports, which	DoH	Q4

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			report on progress on these actions. The DoH Secretariat also contributes to a working group tasked with developing a process for closing out recommendations once they are completed. Work on this deliverable is ongoing.		
	Implement agreed models of care (older persons & dual diagnosis) in three pilot sites each	On track	National Clinical Plan Older person - 4 pilot sites established and recruitment progressing. National implementation oversight group was established, and first meeting held to support Model of Care implementation. All Consultant posts now approved by CAAC and proceeding. 1 in post 2.8 advertised with 1 interview date confirmed. 1 CNS appointed, remaining 3.5 CNS and 1.5 wte Admin posts progressing to recruitment.  Dual diagnosis - Recruitment continues, of the 26 posts 10 are filled, all the remaining are progressing well with exception of consultant in CHO 4, we are working with PAS to progress internationally. Issues regarding base locations for teams are being addressed, progress is expected shortly	HSE	Q3
	Implement CAMHS hubs and Crisis Resolution Services across 5 pilot sites and complete an interim evaluation report	On track	Formal Launch is planned for 7th September 2023 in CHO4.	HSE	Q4
	Complete the review of the Maternity and Infant Scheme in line with the National Maternity Strategy Implementation Plan	Minor Delay	Work is ongoing, but there are numerous interested parties, and changes to GP arrangements need to be carefully aligned with other initiatives already underway. Review will not be complete in quarter 3	HSE	Q3
	Design and implement 3 Woman's Health Hubs as proof of concept	Minor Delay	This remains on track for quarter 4, however securing appropriate accommodation for Women's Health Hubs is proving for challenging. As a consequence, this work programme may run into 2024.	HSE	Q4
	Finalise the draft adult safeguarding policy for public consultation	On track	Announcement of public consultation arrangements expected in quarter 3 with the intention of commencing the consultation process in September.	DoH	Q2
Programme 1  Project 1 – Implement Health Service Capacity Review (HCR 2018)  Workstream 3 – Hospital Productivity	Report on progress to implement increases in acute and critical care bed capacity	Minor Delay	A balance of 230 beds remains to be delivered from the total of 1228. There have been minor delays due to some building and recruitment issues, however it is expected that the 181 remaining beds scheduled to deliver by year end 2023 will do so.	HSE	Q2
	Deliver new and replacement acute bed capacity in line with plan (209 beds)	On track		HSE	Q4
	Complete the delivery of additional Critical Care bed capacity in line with plan – (increase by an additional 28 beds)	Minor Delay	CUH - Three CC beds were profiled for delivery in quarter 1 and 2 2023; one relates to the delivery of the final bed in CUH under NSP22 and the other 2 were the delivery of the first of the prioritised service developments under NSP23 in CUH. CUH have advised that given the current situation with staffing, they expect that they may be able to open three beds in quarter 3 and the balance in quarter 4. MMUH's Rock Wing opened on April 20th which includes 16 new intensive care unit beds (6 Interim beds opened in 2022 to transition to Rock Wing). The new beds are being commissioned with expected handover end June. The CEO of the Mater has advised that the critical care beds will open on a phased basis due to issues with recruitment and the necessary training of staff.	HSE	Q4

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	Expand the initial phase of major trauma services at MTC at MMUH, and commence the acceptance of secondary transfer from other hospitals across the Network	Complete	St Peters ward in Rock wing is open and, in a position, to accept secondary transfers from Trauma Unit's in the Clinical Trial Network. 43 transfers have taken place and the volume will increase when the trauma desk in NEOC is fully operational. The in-patient trauma service including having trauma co-ordinators in post and a dedicated trauma team is operational. 439 patients have received treatment by the in-patient trauma services from October 2022- July 2023.	HSE	Q2
	Commence the initial phase of Major Trauma Services at CUH	Complete	The Trauma Team Reception and the In-patient Trauma Service have commenced operations as of June 15. The Major Trauma Centre for the South Trauma Network is now live.	HSE	Q2
	Plan the development of Trauma Unit with Specialist Services at UHG and the Trauma Units in the Central Trauma Network at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda and in the South Trauma Network at UHW	Minor Delay	The time since the application for development funds has been used to develop a service specification for the TUSS and to plan for the utilization of funds so that if/when funding becomes available progress can be expedited.	HSE	Q4
Programme 1 Project 2 – Scale and Mainstream Integration Innovation	Commence monthly monitoring & report progress on Round 2 projects	Complete	Reporting process has commenced, currently receiving updates on milestones and outputs from all projects.	DoH	Q2
	Ongoing monthly monitoring & report progress on Round 2 projects	On track	Currently receiving updates on milestones and outputs from all projects.	DoH	Q4
	Launch Learning Network for Round 2 SIIF projects	Complete	Learning network launched on 4h May.	DoH	Q2
	Commence EOI process to select themes for SIIF Round 3 projects	Complete	EOI process was launched on 2 February and 13 EOIs were recommended and approved.	DoH	Q1
	Launch call out & commence appraisal for SIIF Round 3 projects	On track	Call out for Round 3 finalised at end of quarter 2 and scheduled for 19th July.	DoH	Q2
	Complete appraisal & commence contracting of SIIF Round 3 projects	On track	On track for quarter 3.	DoH	Q3
	Complete contracting & commence monitoring of Round 3 SIIF projects	On track	On track for quarter 4.	DoH	Q4
Commence EOI process to select themes for Round 4 SIIF projects	On track	On track for quarter 4.	DoH	Q4	
Programme 1 Project 3 – Streamline Care Pathways, from prevention to discharge	Implement seven prioritised scheduled care pathways and measure impact on additional OPD activity and report on progress on a quarterly basis.	On track	All on track and implemented on a number of sites. A comprehensive update is given to the Waiting List Task Force and to ministerial wait list meeting on monthly basis.	HSE	Q4
Programme 1 Project 4 Develop Elective Centres in Dublin, Cork, and Galway	Finalise detailed business case, project brief and procurement strategy for the delivery of Cork and Galway Elective Hospitals	Minor Delay	Arrangements for the delivery of the Elective Hospitals Programme are currently the subject of ongoing review by the HSE CEO. Expected further progress towards agreed deliverables in 2023 will be updated upon completion of this review.	HSE	Q3
	Seek Gate 2 (pre-tender) approval for the Cork and Galway elective hospitals	Minor Delay	Arrangements for the delivery of the Elective Hospitals Programme are currently the subject of ongoing review by the HSE CEO. Expected further progress towards agreed deliverables in 2023 will be updated upon completion of this review.	HSE	Q4

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	Oversee progression of preliminary business case for Dublin through Public Spending Code Gate 1, including coordination of IGEEES, EAP and MPAG reviews and submit business case for GATE 1 approval	Minor Delay	Multi Criteria Analysis of Dublin site options completed. Preliminary Business Case being finalised. EAP reviewer has been selected and EAP will now commence in quarter 3. MPAG review and Memo for Government will now be in late quarter3.	DoH	Q2
	Seek Gate 2 (pre-tender) approval for Dublin	Minor Delay	This will be progressed on completion of Gate 1 approval	HSE	Q4
Programme 1  Project 5 – Implement a Multiannual Waiting Lists Reduction Plan	Complete oversight, monitoring and reporting of delivery of 2022 Waiting List Action Plan (WLAP)	Complete	2022 WLAP end of year report completed	DoH	Q1
	Prepare, approve and publish 2023 Waiting List Action Plan	Complete	2023 WLAP completed, approved by Government on Tuesday 7th March 2023 and published the same day.	DoH	Q1
	Continue to implement the 2023 WLAP under the governance of the Waiting List Task Force, reporting on progress of implementation of all actions.	On track	Terms of Reference for the Task Force to govern the delivery of the 2023 WLAP were approved. A monthly cycle of Task Force and Ministerial meetings are occurring, which is underpinned by new governance arrangements within the HSE led by the National Director of Acute Operations.	DoH	Q3
	Complete implementation of all actions in the 2023 WLAP as part of the multi annual waiting list approach to reduce and reform waiting lists and times	Minor Delay	All actions are on track in quarter 2 2023. DoH is engaging positively with all stakeholders to progress the actions in the 2023 WLAP - detailed progress on each of the 30 actions is provided monthly to the Task Force and Ministerial meetings. As at the end of May, that targeted activity under the Waiting List Action Plan is running significantly ahead of target. This progress, however, has been offset by substantially higher-than-expected additions to waiting lists. Like many other countries, Ireland has experienced an increased level of waiting list additions since the start of this year, that is unfortunately more than negating the increased levels of activity being delivered by the Health Service Executive (HSE) and NTPF during the same period.	DoH	Q4
	Plan for development of the 2024 Waiting List Action Plan as the next stage of the multi-annual approach to reducing and reforming waiting lists and times - incorporating progress and lessons learned from the 2023 WLAP	On track	Planning for the development of the 2024 Waiting List Action Plan is on track to occur in quarter 4.	DoH	Q4
Programme 1  Project 6 – Implement the eHealth Programme	Prepare and submit Digital Health Strategy and Implementation plan	Minor Delay	Digital Health Strategy development underway in coordination with the DoH. HSE in the final stages of preparing the Strategic Implementation Plan. Stakeholder engagement, capability assessment, initiative definition, costing and resource estimates have been completed. Prioritisation and sequencing of initiatives is currently being finalised. HSE quarter 2 deliverables have been delayed, as DoH strategic framework has not been released as yet, this key prerequisite was due at the end of March but is now delayed until early September 2023.	HSE	Q2
	Deliver eHealth programme targets defined in the approved 2023 ICT and eHealth Capital Plan	Minor Delay	There are 43 programmes that are funded under the eHealth Capital Plan. 70% of programmes on track  30% of programmes have a slight delay, and none are at risk.	HSE	Q4
	Report on progress on Digital solutions to support clinical and corporate functions including through SIIF Round 2 Theme 8 Digital Innovation	On track	Proposals have been evaluated and projects are now approved and are now being progressed. Progress report drafted by POBAL in quarter 2, 2023	DoH	Q2
	Progress Digital Solutions to support clinical (point of care) and corporate functions including through SIF Round 2 Theme 8 Digital Innovation	On track	Proposals have been evaluated and projects are now approved and are being progressed. Progress report will be drafted by POBAL for quarter 4 2023	DoH	Q4

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	Complete General Scheme and Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA) and publish the Health Information Bill by quarter 4 2023. Report on progress on a quarterly basis.	On track	The Memo for Government on the General Scheme of the Bill and the related Regulatory Impact Assessment have been approved by Cabinet and published. A drafter has been assigned to the Bill. The Committee stated it considers this to be a significant piece of legislation and believes it will make an important and substantial contribution to the Irish health system.	DoH	Q4
	Implement Phase 2 of the Health System Performance Assessment Framework (HSPA) in line with agreed plan and timeframe	On track	Initial HSPA prototype interactive visualisation platform has been released publicly on 19 June. The Platform will be updated each quarter with published new data and remaining indicators will be populated when approved data is available. Work is also continuing on how to use HSPA in the system in particular for the measurement of Policy and reform initiatives and as part of the Planning and Performance management engagement with the HSE.	DoH	Q4
	Deliver GP Laboratory eOrdering solution to 4 pilot sites – Galway, Waterford, Navan, Beaumont	Minor Delay	Development works are ongoing to place orders within HealthLink portal for delivery to APEX LIMS/ and MedLIS. Catalogues builds have been completed for all four pilot sites. Connectivity has commenced with Onelink Cerner, and connectivity with MedLIS has been established.	HSE	Q3
	Deliver a modern digital cloud-based desktop experience for 80% of users	Minor Delay	Integration into iPMS commenced. On track for delivery in quarter 3. HealthIRL delivery running slightly behind target; HealthIRL not be seen as a priority within some acute settings due to front-line activities and staffing shortages.	HSE	Q4
Programme 1  Project 7 – Remove private care from public hospitals – implement the Sláintecare Consultant Contract	Implement the public-only Consultant Contract	Complete	The POCC 2023 was implemented on the 8 March 2023. No other contract is now available to new consultants taking up posts. The Academic Consultant Public Only Contract was implemented on the 31May 2023. The POCC will ensure we have more senior decision-makers in our hospitals out of hours and at weekend. This will benefit public patients with the key terms and principles of the contract supporting and enabling Sláintecare. The implementation of the contract continues to be monitored by the HSE and DOH. There is a substantial monitoring framework in place by the HSE. The introduction of the POCC23 was the first step in the removal of private care from public hospitals.	DoH	Q1

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### REFORM PROGRAMME 2: Addressing Health Inequalities – towards Universal Healthcare

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Programme 2  Project 1 - Develop a Population Health approach for Service Planning & Funding  Workstream 2 – Population needs assessment	Establish structures to develop population-based resource allocation methods	Minor delay	Awaiting Government approval of HSE Health Regions Implementation Plan - preliminary work progressed, pending approval of plan	HSE	Q1
	Complete inclusion health framework to guide provision of healthcare services for socially excluded groups	Minor Delay	Tender process has begun for the running of the consultations that will inform this document. Three will be held across the country to get a full view across stakeholders, service providers and country. May 30 - Slight delay on the consultation process. DPSIU was however involved in the Irish Street Medicine Symposium that was held in Limerick in May. The symposium covers the topic of Inclusion Health and the Dept was able to present twice at this event and consult with stakeholders on the development of the Inclusion Health Framework. The consultation tender has been sent to the HSE for input, with expected tender publication in early quarter 3	DoH	Q2
	Progress healthcare services for people who are homeless that support their exit from homelessness (e.g., Housing First)	On track	Housing first is on track according to targets as set out in implementation plan. HRB Homeless deaths report will be published shortly and will assist in guiding policy responses in this area. Progress made during covid in this area will be maintained and consolidated to ensure positive developments continue. May 30th - The HRB homeless deaths report was published in May at the National Homeless Action. As a result of the recommendations from this report a number of new initiatives are underway (increased Naloxone training by HSE staff, and harm reduction campaigns for the cohort). The 2020 data will also be published this year, this information is incredibly useful in terms of shaping policy responses. Housing first is still on target.	DoH	Q3
Programme 2  Project 1 - Develop a Population Health approach for Service Planning & Funding  Workstream 3 – Development of Population-Based Resource Allocation Funding Model (PBRA)	Agree PBRA model	Minor Delay	Awaiting Government approval for Implementation Plan to establish PBRA Group. Preparatory work and substantial evidence reviews complete.	DoH	Q3
Programme 2  Project 1 - Develop a	Approval and enactment of legislation to remove the acute public in-patient charge of €80 for all public patients in all public hospitals	Complete	The Health (Amendment) Act 2023, signed into law by the President on 4 April 2023, removes the acute public in-patient charge of €80 per day for people	DoH	Q2

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Population Health approach for Service Planning & Funding  Workstream 4 – Develop Policy proposal and options for achieving universal eligibility			accessing care as a public patient in public hospitals. This measure came into effect from 17 April 2023.		
	Commence expansion of GP Visit Cards to people where median household income is € 46,000 or less	Complete	Negotiations with the IMO concluded successfully on 28 June, and the Minister informed Government of the outcome on 4 July. Roll-out will commence on 11 September, with a second phase to commence on 13 November.	DoH	Q2
	Report on the expansion of GP Visit Cards to people where median household income is € 46,000 or less	On track	Report to follow implementation.	DoH	Q4
	Work with the DoH and stakeholders on the extension of GP cover for children aged 6 / 7 years, expansion of eligibility for free GP visit cards	On track	The DOH, the HSE and the IMO have concluded an Agreement (GP Agreement 2023) in relation to the extension of eligibility to Doctor Only Visit Cards to individuals and families whose annual reckonable earnings do not exceed the median income and to all children aged between 6 and 7 years (inclusive).	HSE	Q4
	Approval and enactment of legislation to expand access to medical cards for persons who are terminally ill	On track	The legislative framework required to underpin the extension of eligibility for medical cards for terminally ill patients on a statutory basis is currently being developed (scheme is operating on an administrative basis since March 2021).	DoH	Q4
	Undertake scoping work for a strategic review of eligibility policy and the implementation of appropriate amendments to the eligibility framework	On track	Given the legal and policy complexities associated with the eligibility framework, an examination of same will be a substantial programme of work requiring the necessary due diligence.	DoH	Q4
	In collaboration with the Women’s Health Taskforce and Executive, expand the free contraception scheme to women and girls aged 16-30 in 2023 and provide increased supports for period poverty mitigation	On track	The contraception scheme was expanded to 26-year-olds on 1st January and will be expanded further to include women aged 30 and under, by 1 September . Expansion to under 17s is subject to consultation, legal advice and subsequent legislative amendment, if legal advice permits. The S.I. to expand the scheme to 27-30 year-olds is close to being finalised in advance of 1September, 2023.	DoH	Q4
Programme 2  Project 1 - Develop a Population Health approach for Service Planning & Funding  Workstream 6 – Workforce Planning	Work in collaboration with DFHERIS and Higher Education sector to increase undergraduate supply in Medicine, Nursing & Midwifery and Health and Social Care Professions in September 2023	On track	DOH have engaged extensively with DFHERIS and Higher Education sector to increase undergraduate supply of Medicine, Nursing & Midwifery and Health and Social Care Professions in September 2023. An additional 420 health related training places will be provided in 2023, this includes the 60 additional medicine places agreed in 2022.	DoH	Q3
	Identify the most appropriate model for community nursing and midwifery in Ireland, following completion of both a mapping of current community nursing and midwifery resources and a review of international evidence	On track	Mapping exercise advanced and International evidence review is close to completion. Engagement with key stakeholders progressing.	DoH	Q3
	Following the successful completion of Pilot testing (submission of 12-month impact report), submit a National Policy for Safe Staffing and Skill Mix in Long Term Residential Care Settings for Older Persons to the Minister	On track	Research evaluation dependent on pilot sites adjusting staffing levels to the level required using the Framework. Consultation with the research team will be required to ensure sufficient data is collected and evaluated for the final evaluation report to be completed by year end. Some pilot sites reporting challenges with ability to recruit in a timely manner which may delay evaluation timeframe.	DoH	Q4
	Progress development of a Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix in Community Care Settings using an appropriate and evidence-based model for community nursing and midwifery	On track	Deliverable is dependent on the research team undertaking an international evidence review to identify an appropriate community nursing/midwifery model that will deliver Slaintecare objectives. The evidence review is now complete, and a number of models are being scoped and analysed further with a Sláintecare delivery focus.	DoH	Q2

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	Submit an evaluation of the Framework for Safe Nurse Staffing and Skill Mix in Community Care Settings for the Minister's consideration	Minor Delay	Deliverable will be dependent on identification and stakeholder agreement of a community nursing/midwifery model to test in this phase of Framework development following analysis and engagement with international counterparts.	DoH	Q4
	Oversee, co-ordinate, and report on Implementation of the recommendations of the Report of the Strategic Workforce Advisory Group on Home Carers & Nursing Home Health Care Assistants	On track	Implementation underway. First meeting of SWIG took place on 29/6/23. Stakeholder engagements with recommendation owners in progress and a draft implementation plan has been circulated for review. Recommendation 9 implemented.	DoH	Q4
	Oversee implementation of final stage of reformed public health model as envisaged in Crowe Howarth report	On track	Implementation of the new model due to be completed by end 2023. Phase 1 is complete (34 WTE), Phase 2 (30 WTE) is underway (4 WTE Posts Commenced, 3 WTE Posts at Contracting Stage, 11 WTE Posts at Pre-Clearances stage and 8 WTE posts at interview stage) with planning for Phase 3 (20 WTE) underway and expected to be completed by end Dec 23.	DoH	Q4
	Increase postgraduate medical education and training places and supply of medical professionals in collaboration with HSE NDTP and key stakeholders in the context of the Forum of Postgraduate Medical Training Bodies Strategic Framework 2021–2030 with a focus on (i) medical workforce planning (ii) reform of medical education and training, (iii) policies to support recruitment and retention of doctors.	On track	There have been significant increases in number of doctor training places. €4.6m was provided in Budget 2023 for additional intern and post-graduate medical training places. This measure supports medical workforce planning and more doctors in specialist training programmes. This represents a target increase of 133 specialist training doctors in the health service. An additional 24 Intern posts were provided in July 2023 bringing the total number of intern training places available to 879. The recruitment process is almost complete, and trainees are due to start their new posts in July 2023. An Additional 59 new postgraduate training places have been provided in July 2023 to those specialties whose training programmes are required to expand to meet current workforce planning requirements and don't have existing/suitable non-training posts to convert to training. The recruitment process for the 59 postgraduate training posts has been completed and trainees are confirmed to start in these new posts in July 2023.	DoH	Q3
	Report on progress of the Report and recommendations of the National Taskforce on NCHD Workforce which aims to improve NCHD structures and supports at clinical site level in Ireland.	On track	The Taskforce Interim Recommendations Report was published in April 2023, with Interim recommendations for immediate implementation by the HSE. A national Steering Group, chaired by the HSE CCO and National Director of HR, has been established to oversee implementation together with working groups at national level. All hospital groups have been directed to put in place local implementation groups to progress this work which includes infrastructural, education and training improvements on sites to support NCHDs. The second and final phase of the Taskforce is developing medium to longer term recommendations by the end of October 2023.	DoH	Q4
	Complete Health and Social Care Strategy and Action Plan	On track	Work on the strategy and action plan is complete	DoH	Q2
	Develop Health and Social Care Workforce Planning Projection Model and Gap Analysis	On track	The Health and Social Care Planning Projection Model will provide demand and supply projections of numbers required in medicine, nursing and HSCPs spanning short- (3-5 years), medium- (5-10 years) and long-term (18-20 year) time horizons. Work on the planning projection model is due to be completed in quarter 3 of 2023.	DoH	Q3



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	Report on recommendations for health and social care workforce reforms	On track	DOH worked in collaboration with the HSE National Health and Social Care Professions Office to develop an Advanced Practice Framework for Health and Social Care Professionals. Work is underway to establish key milestones and deliverables for advanced practice for Health and Social Care Professionals.	DoH	Q4
Programme 2 Project 2 – Implement Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme	Deliver targeted initiatives through 20 Sláintecare Healthy Communities to address health inequalities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smoking Cessation services</li> <li>• Healthy food made easy courses</li> <li>• Social prescribing</li> <li>• Parenting courses</li> </ul>	On track	All HSE staff in place for SHC based teams and all services operationalised. 14 of 19 Community Food and Nutrition workers recruited. All local launches completed. Data not yet available. It is currently being collated and verified.	HSE	Q4
	Rollout of healthy community initiatives funded by “Seed Funding”	On track	Seed funding initiatives have been identified and are being rolled out in the 19 communities by the Local Development Officers. SHCP 2022 Progress Report was published in May 2023	DoH	Q3
	Strengthen provision of supports for health and wellbeing at local level through the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme	On track	Supports for health and wellbeing have been fully operationalised	DoH	Q4
Programme 2 Project 3 – Develop HSE Health Regions	Finalise and agree implementation plan for HSE Health Regions	Minor Delay	The draft Health Regions Implementation Plan is at final review stage by DoH and HSE and is scheduled for consideration by Cabinet on 25 July 2023.	HSE	Q1
	Finalise and agree the organisational structure and associated processes and relationships for HSE national and HSE HEALTH REGIONSs	On track	HSE CEO continues to progress work on future structure of HSE Centre which will be a key dependency to the Health Region SLT structure and ISD structure. ISD workstream workshop took place on 30 June 2023 to further build on outputs from previous workshops. Outputs from these workshops will feed into proposals for a preferred model of integrated service delivery.	HSE	Q3
	Commence recruitment of 6 HSE Health Regions CEOs	On Track	Sanction is awaited by DPER to proceed, and all information has been returned. Tender outcome agreed for executive search and PAS ready to proceed.	HSE	Q3
	Commence recruitment of 6 HSE Health Regions Senior Management Teams	Minor Delay	Dependant on appointment of Health Regions CEO posts. Recruitment will begin following these appointments. Implementation Roadmap sets out plan to recruit SLT during 2024.	HSE	Q3
	Complete the redefinition of existing CHO/HG geographical boundaries aligned with RHA boundaries to include associated changes regarding HR and Finance	On track	Geographical Impact Analysis is ongoing and is providing information to assess the impact/risk of HG and CHO moving to new geographical boundaries. Outputs will inform Due Diligence process, programme and transition planning.	HSE	Q4
	Progress HSE Health Regions Implementation Oversight & Actions in line with plan	On track	Awaiting Government approval of Implementation Plan	DoH	Q4
Programme 2 Project 4 – Implement Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016-2025	Establish specialist weight management service for children and young people in CHO 5 & 7 with a view to testing the approach	On track	Awaiting approval for Grade VIII Ops lead post. Recruitment progressing in CHO5 & 7 - eight out of 20 approved posts filled, CHO teams training to commenced on 29th June, with further training scheduled during July	HSE	Q3
	Report on progress of implementation of the Obesity Action Plan	On track	Review of OPAP was published November 2022 and Obesity Policy Implementation Oversight Group meets quarterly to review progress.	DoH	Q2
	Progress the implementation of the Obesity Policy Action Plan with particular focus on healthy weight campaign, food reformulation and developing healthy eating guidelines for specific audiences	On track	Phase One of Healthy Weight campaign ran in autumn 2022, to be re-run quarter 2 23. Following review Phase 1A will be developed and run by end 2023. Reformulation Task Force on track to deliver work programme. Healthy Eating Resources for older persons launched in June 2023 and FSAI scientific	DoH	Q4

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			committee work on HEG for teenagers has commenced. FSAI published the first Reformulation Taskforce Annual Report in March 2023.		

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### Enabling Programmes

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Enabling Programme Patient Safety and Quality Initiatives	Deliver the expanded National Care Experience Programme suite of surveys, embedding patient experience as a key measure within the system through the HSPAF quality domain.	On track	First National End of Life Survey was launched on 28 March, results due for publication quarter 1 2024 Results of the first National Maternity Bereavement Experience Survey and HSE quality improvement response were published on 18 May. Review of National Inpatient Experience Survey in progress - due for completion by year end. Development work on the first National Mental Health Experience Survey in progress and will be ongoing in 2023.	DoH	Q4
Enabling Programme Public and political engagement and empowerment	Establish a working group to develop an implementation plan on better engagement – The Health Services Patient Engagement Road Map Launch, with equal HSE/Patient representative membership	Complete	This deliverable is now complete	HSE	Q2
	Publish the first monthly nationally representative survey reporting on public levels of trust in the HSE	Pending	An alternative approach is under discussion to look at trust in the HSE and updates on this are expected in early quarter 3.	HSE	Q3
	Deliver an integrated communications and engagement programme to support the rollout of the HSE Health Regions and design an effective operating model for HSE Health Regions communications teams	On track	The Health Region Implementation plan was moved forward and is now expected to be discussed by Government on July 18. A range of public, staff and partner communications have been developed, to share update on the plan, the content, and open a process of ongoing updates over the coming year of organisational change. A consultation process was completed to agree names for the new Health Regions, and the HSE.ie public and staff websites have updated content. We continue to prepare staff, public and partner information to issue when the implementation plan is published.	HSE	Q4
	Prepare and Publish the Sláintecare 2022 progress report	Complete	Sláintecare progress Report published on 28 March	DoH	Q1
	Prepare & publish Sláintecare Action Plan 2023	Complete	Action Plan published on 28 March	DoH	Q1
	Initiate engagement to inform development of Sláintecare Implementation Strategy & Action Plan 2024 – 2026	Complete	Concept note approved by Programme Board on 21 March	DoH	Q2
	Finalise and publish Sláintecare Implementation Strategy & Action Plan 2024 – 2026	On track	Programme Board approval on 7 June of update on draft Strategy and Action Plan. Stakeholder engagement continuing with Departmental, inter-Departmental and project leads workshops planned for July.	DoH	Q4

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	<p>Communicate on progress of key initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Ireland – Healthy Weight and Citizen Engagement</li> <li>• Women’s Health Action Plan</li> <li>• Waiting Lists Action Plan</li> <li>• Implementation of HSE Health Regions</li> </ul>	On track	<p>Proactive communications continue via press releases, Factsheets, technical briefings, social media and identified media engagement opportunities, in relation to the priority areas of access, affordability and improving the quality of our health services. Planning of media events and Ministerial visits to healthcare settings around the country continue in respect of building the profile of the integrated model of care across all settings. These visits are raising public awareness by building the profile of Enhanced Community Care networks. Working with our HSE colleagues and engaging with media and other stakeholders through the local and national media and social media channels of the Minister and the Department.</p> <p>WHTF Menopause Awareness Campaign Part 2 complete Mar-Apr 2023. Women’s Health Week in March highlighted women’s health developments, including launch of Women’s Mental Health report and the first Women’s Mental Health Charter. Announcement of new National Endometriosis Framework, expansion of Free Contraception Scheme in January, updates on tender process for clinics to offer publicly-funded IVF to commence in September, opening of 13th of 20 planned Ambulatory Gynae Clinics. Waiting List Action Plan - Press Release issued to coincide with the publication of the Waiting List Action Plan 2023 and PR for monthly waiting list figures and update on Surgical Hubs.</p> <p>HSE Health Regions Communications planning with HSE. Engagement - over 2000 stakeholders have been engaged in relation to the design and implementation of Health Regions to date in 2023 and political engagement also undertaken.</p> <p>HI Older Adults Social Connections (Loneliness) Campaign complete Feb – Apr 2023. HI SciComm Collective Peer 2 Peer Social Media Campaign ongoing Apr – Nov 2023. HI Proactive PRs e.g., Men’s Sheds funding, GAA Walking Tracks, Active Schools Week, National Sexual Health Strategy review. SIIF Learning Network Event took place and Sláintecare hosted workshop at ICIC23.</p> <p>Sec Gen and HSE CEO provided Sláintecare updates to Joint Oireachtas Health Committee</p>	DoH	Q2
	<p>Communicate on progress of key initiatives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Ireland – Healthy Weight and Citizen Engagement</li> <li>• Women’s Health Action Plan</li> <li>• Waiting Lists Action Plan</li> <li>• Implementation of HSE Health Regions</li> <li>• Sláintecare Integration Fund webinars &amp; Learning Network meetings</li> </ul>	On track	<p>HI Young Adults Social Connections (Loneliness) Campaign in development for quarter 4. HI Healthy Weight Campaign in development for quarter 4 2023 / quarter1 2024.</p>	DoH	Q4