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Health Budget 2025





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A record €25.8 billion in funding



More
Services



Faster
Access

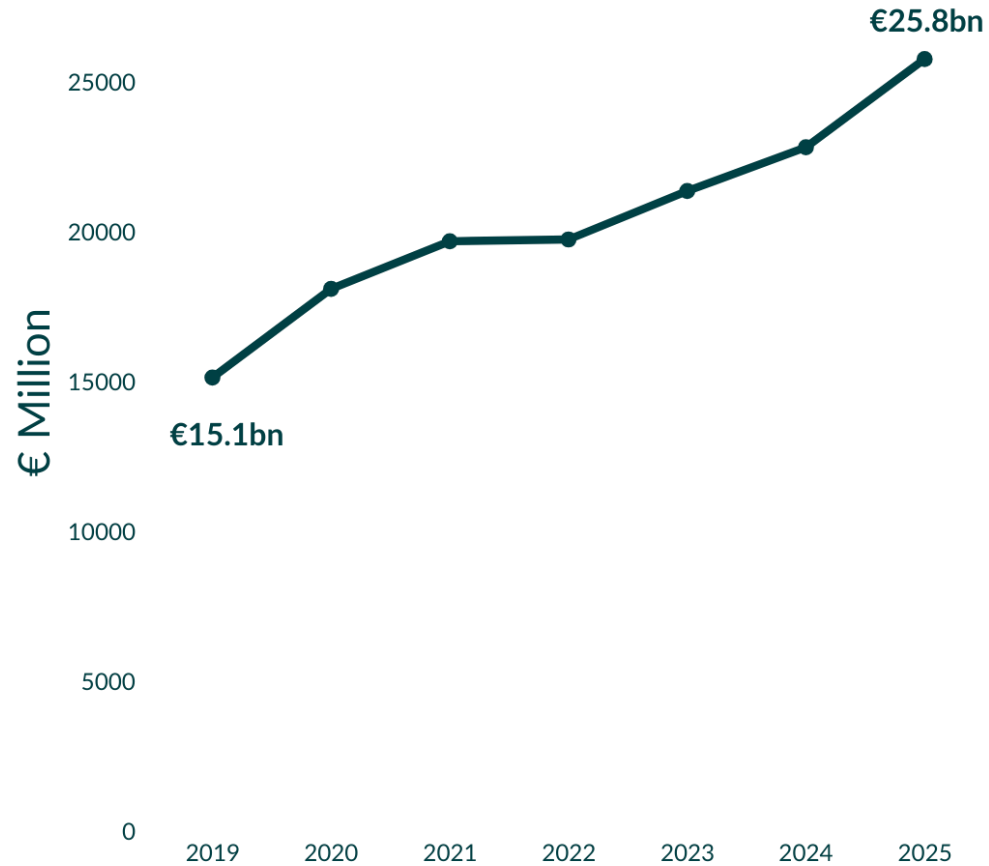


Capacity
and Reform





Since 2019,
there has been
a 70% increase
in funding to
our health
service



Progress to date

4m

Outpatient appointments expected in 2024, up from 3.2m in 2021

430,000

more people eligible for free GP visit cards

45%

reduction in average Outpatient wait times

900,000

people directly referred for diagnostics by their GP

175

Primary Care Centres in operation, up from 138 in 2020

17-35

women in this age group can now get free contraception

1,200

couples referred for publicly-funded AHR

1,200+

additional hospital beds delivered since 2020



€6m

to develop new
Injury Units

€5m

to introduce
Varicella
(Chickenpox)
vaccination

€4m

to open 2 new
surgical hubs in
Galway and
Swords

€49m

to provide an
additional 335
acute hospital
beds

€2.9m

to expand
CAMHS services

In 2025

€25.8 billion

to expand and increase
quality health services

€20m

to provide free
HRT medicines

€30m

in funding for
new medicines by
reinvesting
savings

€2.1m

to expand the
number of GP
training places

€21.5m

to provide 24
million home
support hours

€1.2m

for an additional
4 Healthy
Communities



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Record increases from 2024 to 2025:



Acute Hospitals
budget up **22%**
to €9.9bn



Older Persons
Services budget
increased by
€349m to €3bn



Mental Health
budget up **10%**
to €1.48bn



National
Ambulance
Service budget
up **13%** to
€280m



Palliative Care
budget up **15%**
to €179m

More and Better Services



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Cancer Services

€33m package including:

- €9.4m for continued implementation of the National Cancer Strategy
- €10m for oncology drugs
- €5.5m for Community Support Groups
- €2m for provision of care for women using post-mastectomy products
- €1.9m for expansion of BowelScreen to ages 58-70



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Cardiovascular & Stroke care

€7.4m in funding including:

- €2m to develop new cardiovascular plan
- €2m to expand GP Chronic Disease Management Programme
- €2.5m for implementation of the National Stroke Strategy
- €0.6m to support Irish Heart Foundation prevention programmes



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Women's Health

€35m in funding including:

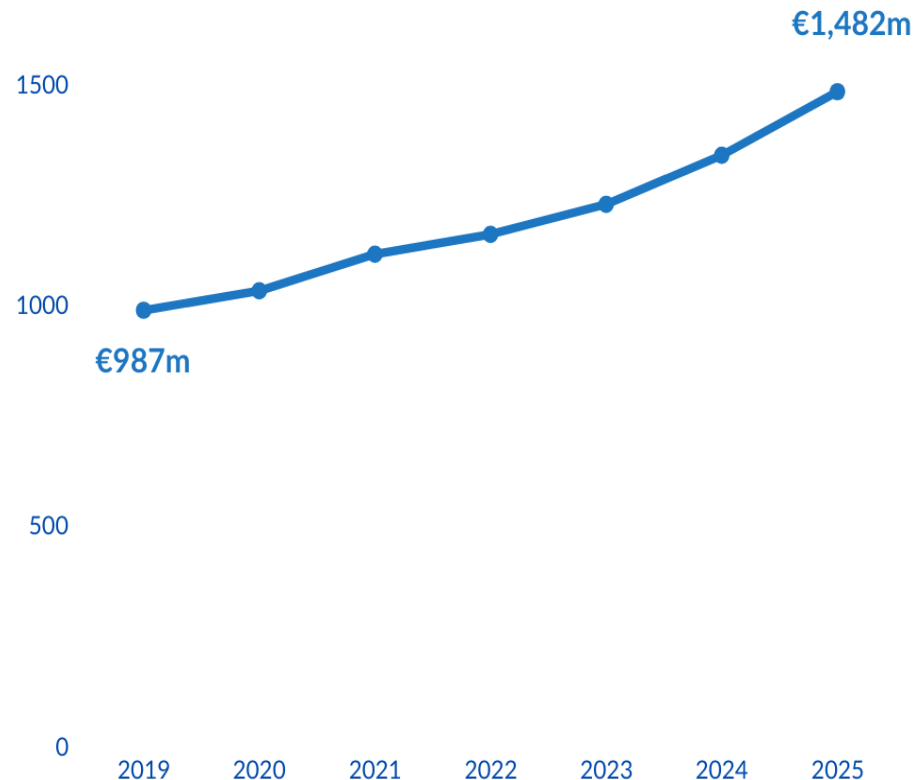
- €20m to provide free HRT medicines
- Extending eligibility for Assisted Human Reproduction services including IVF
- Continued delivery of the Women's Health Action Plan 2024-2025
- €2m to deliver the National Maternity Strategy



Mental Health:

Mental Health Budget has increased by 43.7% since 2020, to a record €1.48bn in 2025 including:

- €2.9m to expand CAMHS services
- €5.7m to continue rollout of clinical programmes, including 4 new Adult ADHD teams to complete rollout of programme nationally
- €2.1m for 45 staff to open remaining beds at the National Forensic Mental Health Service





Mental Health continued:

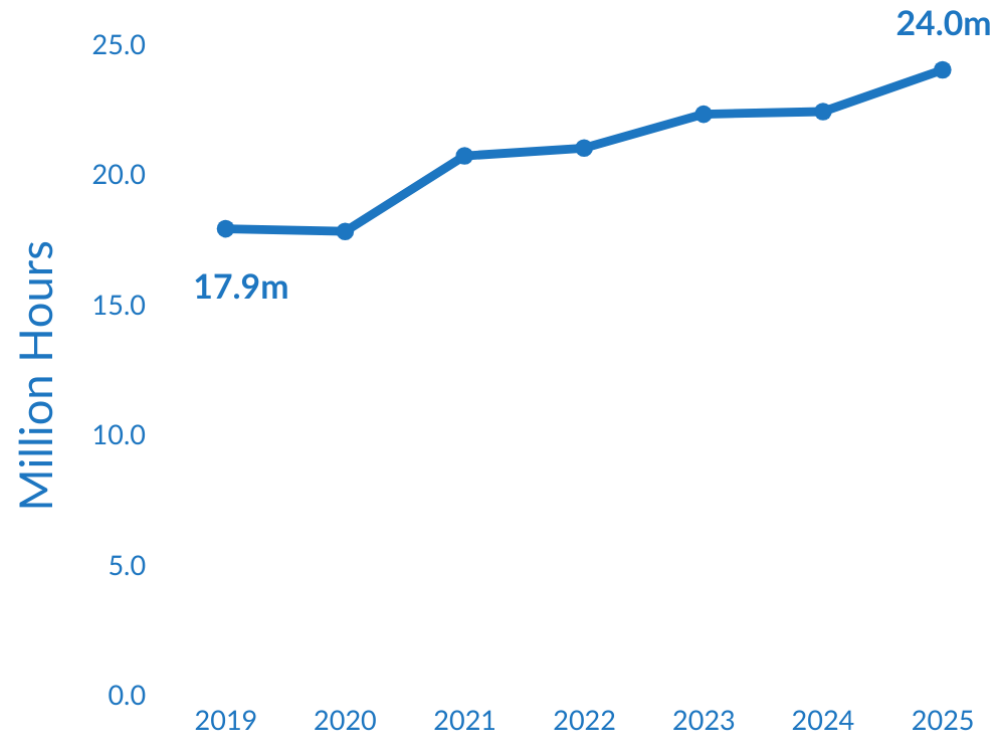
- €2m to expand eligibility for Counselling in Primary Care
- €0.3m to expand the 'No Wrong Door' programme to new areas
- €0.7m for suicide prevention, including counselling and bereavement services
- €0.4m for Traveller counselling and other mental health supports



Older Persons

A record €3bn including:

- €21.5m in additional funding to provide 24 million hours of home care, with annual home support budget now €838m
- €62m for additional funding for Fair Deal
- €2m for Dementia, including 5 Dementia Advisers and improved diagnostic services



Since 2019, the amount of home care hours provided has increased from 17.9m to 24m



Healthy Ireland

- A vaping awareness campaign targeted at 12-17 year olds
- €1.2m to set up an additional 4 *Healthy Communities*
- €0.9m for breastfeeding supports and the development of a national breastfeeding strategy
- €0.3m for various men's health measures including healthy living and pelvic cancer survivorship



National Drug Strategy

- €2m to expand community-based drug services
- €1m to roll out integrated community alcohol treatment services
- €0.5m to deliver drug prevention programme and awareness campaign
- €0.5m to develop harm reduction programme



Public Health measures

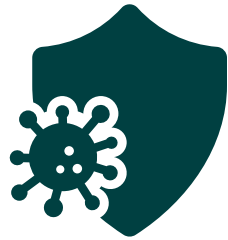
- €3m for an online safety measures including an awareness campaign.
- Extending PReP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) programme in HIV clinics
- €5m to deliver varicella (chickenpox) vaccination for children
- €0.3m to support expansion of the National Newborn Bloodspot Screening Programme



Other measures



€30m allocated
for new
medicines from
savings



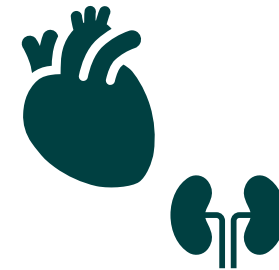
€1.9m on rare
diseases,
including
strategy
development
and pregnancy
screening



€44.1m for
implementation
of clinical
strategies and
services



Enhance
genetic and
genomic clinical
services



€2m to support
Organ Donation
and Transplant
Ireland

Faster Access



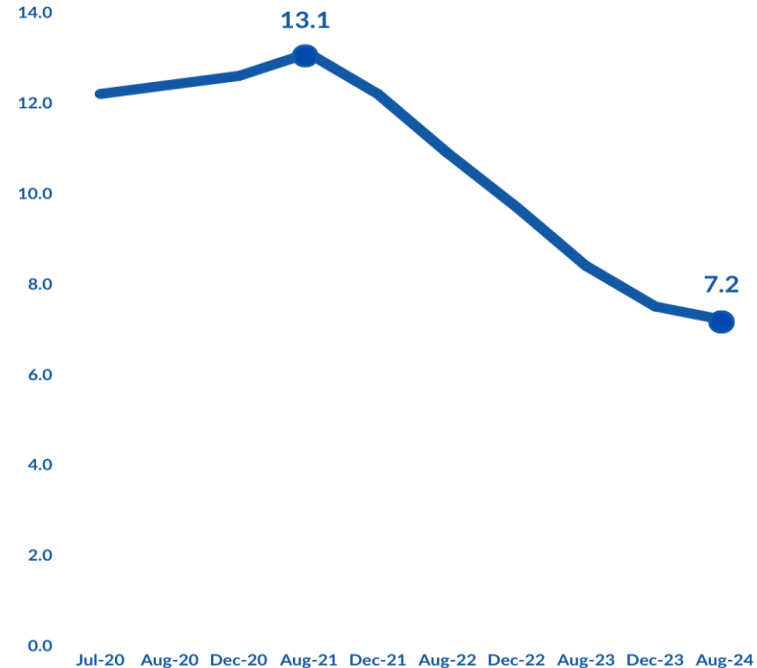
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Waiting Lists

€420m package: an increase of €60m on 2024 to deliver capacity and enable the reform of Scheduled Care

- €230m for the National Treatment Purchase Fund
- €190m for the HSE's Waiting List Action Plan



Waiting lists and waiting times continue to fall. Average outpatient wait time in months has fallen from 13.1 months in Aug 2021, to 7.2 months in Aug 2024



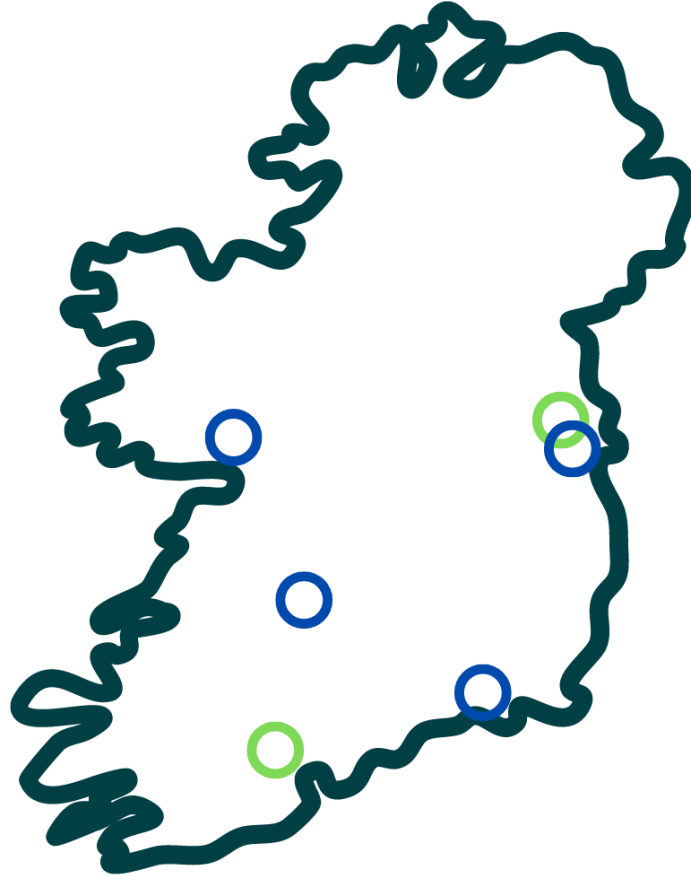
Access to Care:

- €6m to develop more **injury units** in Athlone, Ballina, Carlow, Kerry, Tallaght and Waterford
- Expanding **Emergency Departments** in Mater, Mullingar, Naas, Portlaoise, Cork University Hospital.



Access to Care:

- €4.1m to develop more Surgical Hubs, with hubs in Galway and Swords opening in 2025
- National Ambulance Service – €280m in funding, and 180 more whole time equivalents to increase and expand services



Capacity and Reform

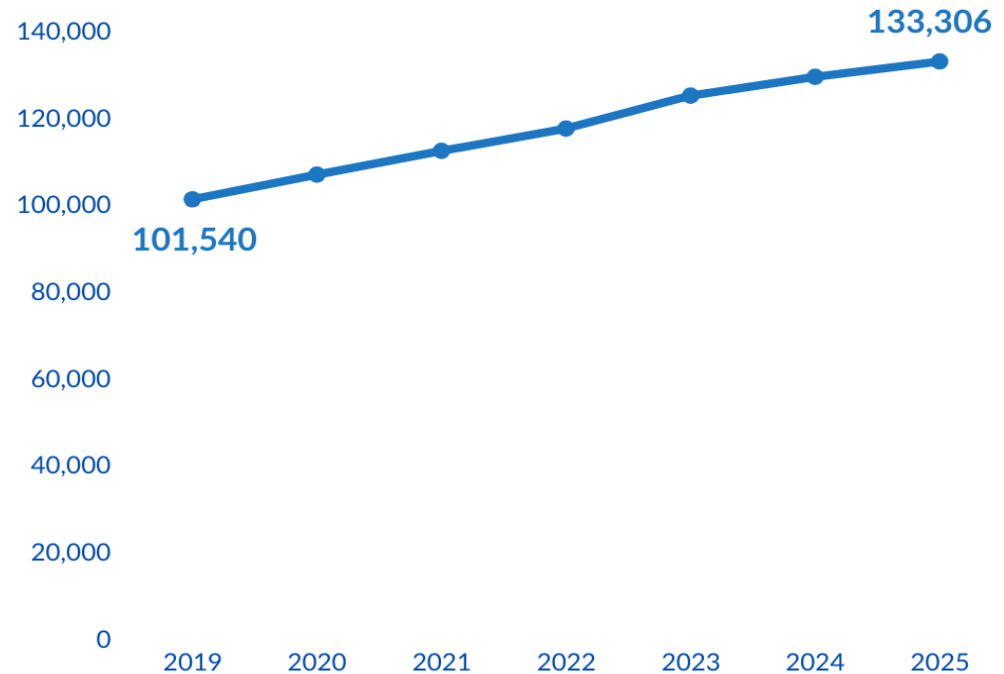


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Workforce development

- 3,300+ more staff in 2025
- €5.5m for continued roll-out of Advanced Practitioners in health and social care settings
- €2.1m for additional GP training places
- 209 internship training places for student nurses



*Excludes Disabilities staff now funded by DCEDIY

Since 2019, the total workforce has increased from 101,540 to 133,306



Capacity



Acute hospitals
budget has increased
22% to €9.9bn



€49m for 335 Acute
hospital beds



More beds for
Kilkenny, Limerick,
Louth, Cork, Cavan,
Galway, Dublin, Kerry
and Meath



Community Beds

- An additional 160 community beds, and hundreds more beds refurbished.
- Developments in Tipperary, Cork, Donegal, Kerry, Kilkenny, Westmeath, Louth, Cork and Dublin.
- €1m to roll out Community Virtual Wards in 4 sites



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Digital Health

Further investment of €23m in 2025



- Rollout of patient app
- Development of Shared Care Record
- Funding in 2025 will enable us to continue to invest in the development of electronic healthcare records
- The funding will also allow for digital measures to boost capacity and enable productivity



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