Policy Forum for Ireland conference:
Next steps for Sláintecare reform
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 25th June 2025
Taking Place Online

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8.30   Registration

9.00   **Chair's opening remarks**
        Senator Nicole Ryan, Member, Joint Committee on Health

9.05   **Delivering Sláintecare reform - progress so far and next steps for implementation**
        Pat Healy, National Director, National Services and Schemes, HSE
        Questions and comments from the floor

9.30   **Priorities for building healthcare workforce capacity**
        Senior representative, health professionals

9.40   **Equitable access to healthcare and tackling workforce and capacity challenges**
        strategies to reduce waiting times and improve access to services, particularly in underserved regions | impact so far of the €420m patient waiting list fund | addressing the inverse care law and ensuring healthcare provision aligns with population needs | tackling health inequalities and improving outcomes for disadvantaged communities | strategies to improve recruitment, retention and workforce planning | addressing staff shortages and ensuring equitable pay and working conditions across regions | supporting healthcare professionals through training, career progression and innovation
        Sandra Broderick, Regional Executive Officer, HSE Mid West
        Georgina Cruise, National Manager, Patient Advocacy Service
        Senior representative, trade union
        Senior representative, consultancy

10.00   Questions and comments from the floor

10.20   **Chair's closing remarks**
        Senator Nicole Ryan, Member, Joint Committee on Health

10.25   Break

10.35   **Chair's opening remarks**
        Senior Member of the Oireachtas

10.40   **Integrating digital healthcare services to improve patient outcomes**
        Senior commentator

10.50   **Digital health and innovation, and priorities for funding and resource allocation**
        examining the role of technology in improving service delivery and patient outcomes | exploring opportunities for digital health solutions, telemedicine and AI in healthcare | ensuring data security and interoperability to enhance patient care | assessing investment priorities to support sustainable healthcare reform | addressing funding gaps and ensuring financial sustainability for universal healthcare | exploring models for cost-effective service delivery while maintaining high standards of care
        Ricardo Sampaio Paco, Service Improvement Lead, St James's Hospital
        Dr Mike O'Callaghan, Clinical Lead, Research Hub, Irish College of General Practitioners
        Senior representative, health technology
        Senior representative, health economist

11.10   Questions and comments from the floor

11.30   **Regional health priorities for equitable and integrated care**
        Senior representative, service areas

11.40   **Community and primary care integration**
        strengthening primary and community-based healthcare services | promoting preventative care and reducing reliance on hospital-based services | enhancing collaboration between health, social care and voluntary sector organisations | encouraging stronger resource sharing and collaborative links between health authorities and service providers | assessing funding mechanisms for HSE Health Regions and funding priorities to meet urgent patient need | strategies for improving integration of health and social care and ensuring consistent access and governance across regions, especially in Community Healthcare Networks
        Vicky Harris, Head, Programmes, Age Action
        Dr Andy Phillips, Regional Executive Officer, HSE South West
        Dr Deirdre Collins, Chair, Board, Irish College of GPs
        Senior representative, social care
        Senior representative, pharmacy

12.05   Questions and comments from the floor

12.30   **Implementing Sláintecare - priorities for policy**
        Senior representative, policy
        Questions and comments from the floor

12.55   **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
        Senior Member of the Oireachtas
        Sean Cudmore, Policy Forum for Ireland

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