

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**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 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 **Equitable access to healthcare and tackling workforce and capacity challenges**
strategies to reduce waiting times and improve access to services, particularly in underserved regions | the 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
Senior representative, health region
Senior representative, patients group
Senior representative, trade union
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 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
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **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
Senior representative, health technology
Senior representative, primary care
Senior representative, health economist
Senior representative, health region
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **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 (CHNs)
Senior representative, health region
Senior representative, primary care
Senior representative, social care
Senior representative, pharmacy
Senior representative, charity
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