

#### **Reducing Inequalities: Getting Results Seminar**

Implementation of Healthy Ireland

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#### **Healthy Ireland Framework**

- Approved by Government February 2013
- Recognition of determinants of health and societal issues (health sector alone cannot address problems)
- Requirement for inter-sectoral approach that shifts emphasis from disease to health and wellbeing
- Improving health and wellbeing of population essential for economic and social recovery and development



#### **Healthy Ireland: Vision**

"Where everyone can enjoy physical and mental health and wellbeing to their full potential, where wellbeing is valued and supported at every level of society and is everyone's responsibility"

#### **Healthy Ireland: Goals**

- 1. Increase the proportion of people who are healthy at all stages of life
- 2. Reduce health inequalities
- 3. Protect the public from threats to health and wellbeing
- 4. Create an environment where every individual and sector of society can play their part in achieving a Healthy Ireland

#### **Healthy Ireland Framework: Themes for Action**

- 1 Governance and Policy
- 3 Empowering People and Communities
- 5 Research and Evidence

- 2 Partnerships and Cross-Sectoral Working
- 4 Health and Health Reform
- 6 Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation



# Where are we now?

Work underway across all Framework Themes

Cross-sectoral structures and relationships established

Policy direction clear – comprehensive suite of plans and strategies published

Embedding in HSE reform and DH policy development

Some cross-departmental projects underway

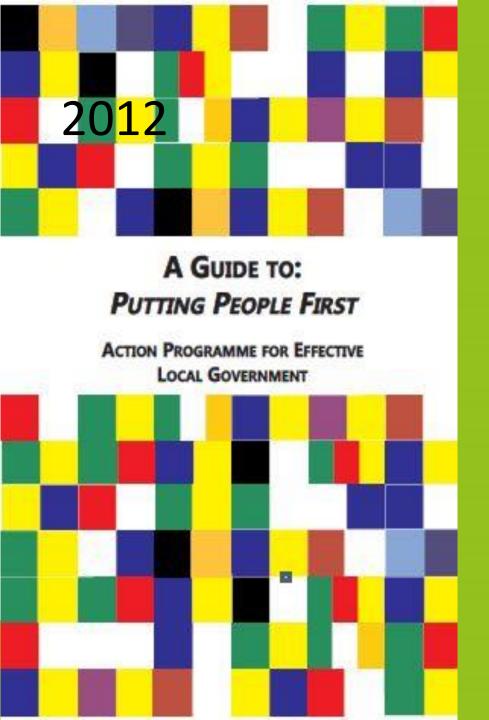
'Whole of Society' agenda evolving with Council and Communications Strategy



## Healthy Ireland – the opportunity

- New opportunity to:
- Re-focus efforts on prevention and 'keeping people well'
- ➤ Empower people to look after own health and make the 'healthier choice the easier choice'
- Connect and mobilise existing and new initiatives and partnerships around a shared agenda and aims
- Address priority issues in a collaborative approach
- Build a new culture and philosophy around health and wellbeing





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### Whole of Government working

Joint projects underway with range of other Departments

- Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport- National Physical Activity Plan
- Department of Housing, Planning, Communities and Local Government - Healthy Cities & Counties
- Department of Education and Skills -Wellbeing in schools
- Department of Children and Youth Affairs Better Outcomes Brighter Futures, the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People
- Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation Healthy Workplaces, CSR
- Department of Communication, Climate Action and Environment -Warmth and Wellbeing pilot



# Healthy Ireland Survey

- Healthy Ireland Survey
   Wave 1 report published
   October 2015 and Wave
   2 in Oct 2016
- As well as up-to-date data, opportunity to reflect and communicate on key issues and messages
- Wave 3 currently in progress







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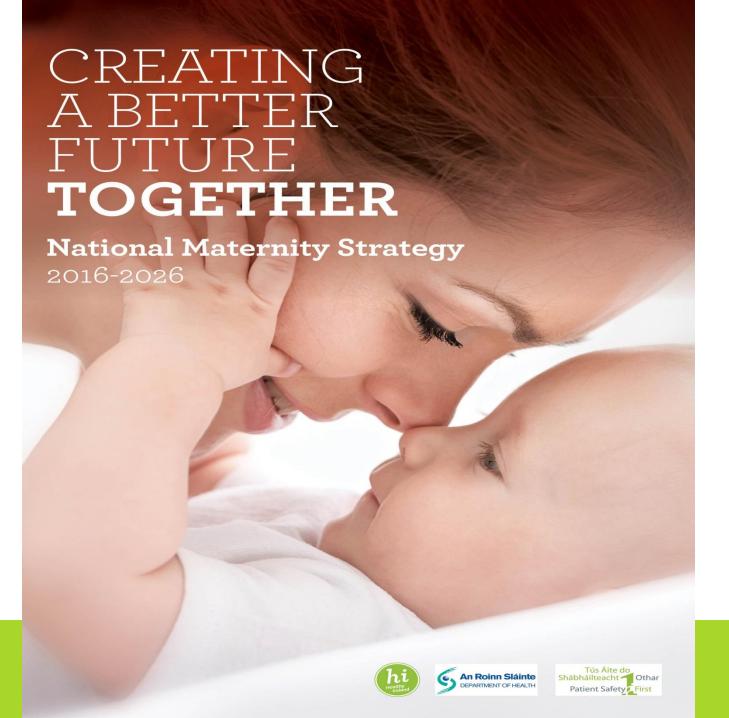






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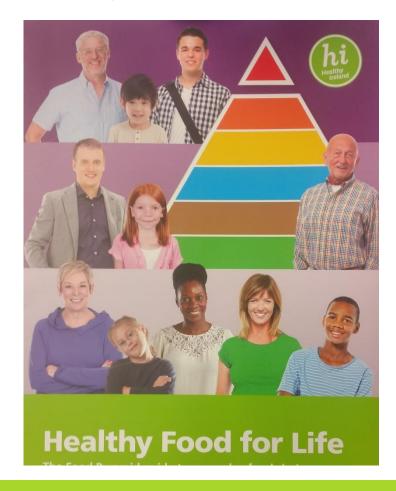








# Healthy Food for Life





#### **National Sexual Health Strategy**









# Launch of Healthy Cities and Counties of Ireland Network





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