

Terms of Reference for HIQA's COVID-19 Expert Advisory Group

In relation to COVID-19-related evidence synthesis, members of the Expert Advisory Group (EAG) will:

1. Contribute to the provision of high-quality research by HIQA.
2. Contribute fully to the work, debate and decision-making processes of the group by providing expert guidance, as appropriate.
3. Be prepared to provide expert advice on relevant issues outside of group meetings, as requested.
4. Provide advice to HIQA regarding the scope of an analysis.
5. Support the Evidence Synthesis Team led by HIQA during the research process by providing access to pertinent data, as appropriate.
6. Review draft reports from the Evidence Synthesis Team and recommend amendments, as appropriate.
7. Support the development of evidence-based advice from HIQA to NPHET on behalf of the Department of the Minister for Health and to the HSE using a structured Evidence to Advice framework.
8. Contribute to HIQA's development of its approach to health services research by participating in an evaluation of the process on occasion.
9. Notify the project lead if a nominee can no longer participate or contribute to the process as non-participation may require alternative EAG membership to be sought.