

Key considerations to inform policy

COLLECTION, USE and SHARING of health and social care information

Why change is needed...

1.

To improve **health information sharing** to provide **high-quality care** for all

2.

To improve **access to health information** for citizens and professionals

3.

To increase **transparency and choice** about how health information is used

Where change is needed...

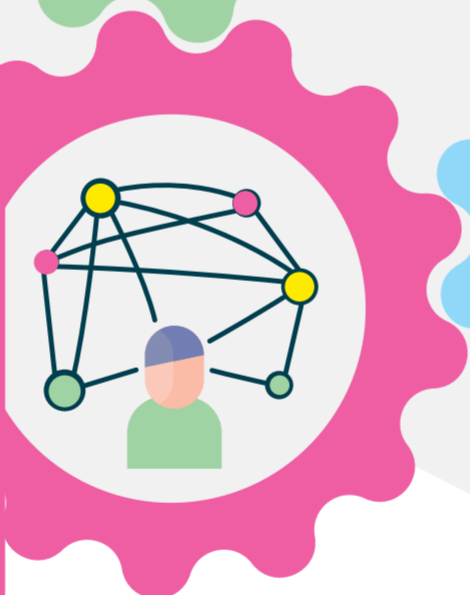
Effective engagement

- Develop national health information engagement strategy and action plan.
- Run general awareness campaign on health information.
- Run targeted campaigns for new developments.



Technical & operational requirements

- Establish a citizen health portal to provide public with access to and control over their health information.
- Establish a national data sharing and linkage service to support the use of data for direct care, planning and managing services, public health and research.
- Improve data quality and security.



Legislative framework

- Promote better use of health information for high-quality and safe health and social care services.
- Develop clear rules for data sharing across public, private and voluntary organisations, underpinned by a rights-based approach.
- Ensure appropriate controls are in place for data protection and to ensure safe sharing of data.



Governance structures

- Establish a national strategic entity for oversight and management of health information.
- Develop local information governance networks.



What people told us...

86%

Want access to view their own medical records online

94%

Think it is important for health information to be used to improve the quality of care

94%

Want to be informed about possible future uses of information



"I see multiple doctors so I need them all to see what the others have written, but I would like to see my information and know who has access."