The future of public health in Ireland

HIQA analysed survey responses from 90 individuals and 28 organisations to inform the work of the Public Health Reform Expert Advisory Group. The respondents highlighted that...

Before the pandemic

Public health in Ireland was disproportionately focused on Health Protection rather than the other public health pillars:

Health Improvement



Health Service Improvement



Health Intelligence



During the pandemic

Greater coordination within public health

Enhanced and expanded evidence synthesis

Positive and collaborative interagency relationships



In the future

Use the multidisciplinary expertise available

Invest more

Increase data surveillance capabilities

Promote and expand collaboration

Organisational responses covered many public health fields, but individual respondents worked:



within public health (99%)



in the Dublin region (52%)



in a medical role (41%)



in their current role for less than two years (42%)

