

# Public consultation on draft guidelines for the justification of medical radiological procedures on asymptomatic individuals outside of a health screening programme

## What are we doing?

We have launched a public consultation on draft guidelines for the justification of medical radiological procedures on asymptomatic individuals.



Members of the public can provide feedback on the content until 5pm on Wednesday 18 December 2024. A survey and details of how to take part in the consultation are available at [www.hiqa.ie](http://www.hiqa.ie).

## Why are we doing this?

HIQA is responsible for regulating medical exposure to ionising radiation in Ireland. We develop guidelines to help ensure such practices are as safe and effective as possible.



These guidelines apply to any person or organisation conducting medical radiological procedures in dental and medical settings across the public and private sectors.

## What is ...?

**Medical exposure to ionising radiation:** radiation received in the dental or medical settings, and intended to benefit the individual's health. Examples include X-rays or CT scans.

**Justification:** an assessment of whether the benefits of an exposure outweigh the risks involved.

**Asymptomatic individual:** a person with no known disease, signs or symptoms, but who may have risk factors for a disease.

## What next?

Following the consultation, the guidelines will be updated as necessary and published on our website, together with a statement of outcomes document reflecting feedback received.

