



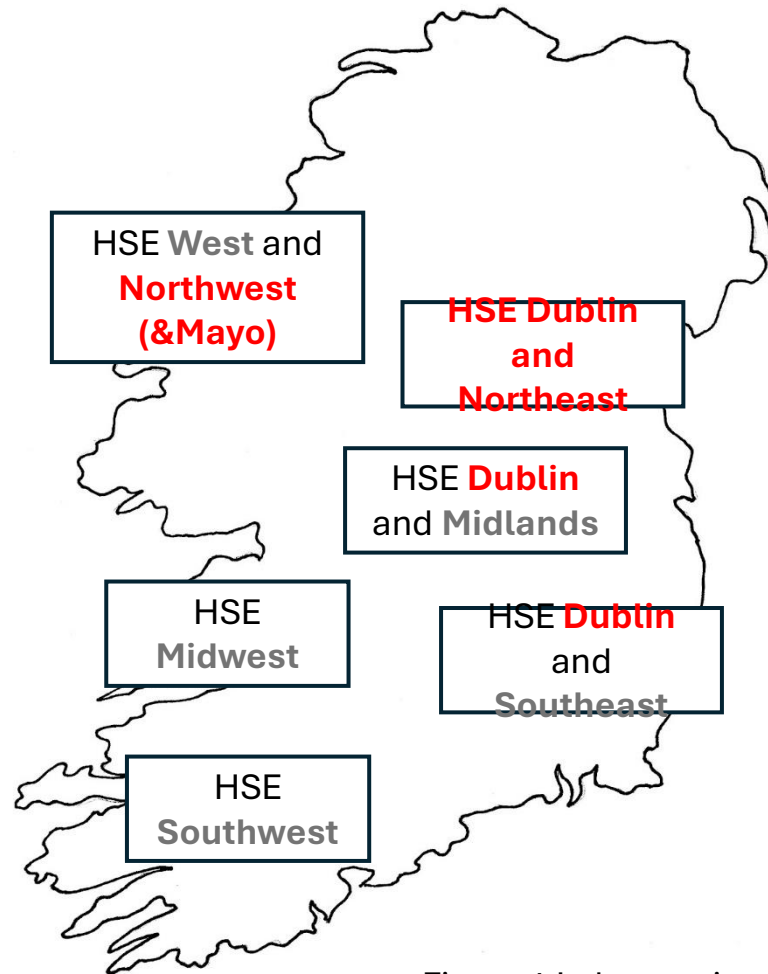
Supporting resources – winter resilience



HSE Winter Planning & Response Forum (WPRF), 2025-26 winter resilience

Dr Augustine Pereira

- NH transport most frequently used to transport to local lab for onsite testing or for onward transfer to NVRL
- NVRL used by Northwest, Mayo, Northeast and Dublin as testing lab
- Local lab used by West, Midwest, Southwest, Southeast and Midlands
- Please check with your lab to confirm the arrangements for testing.



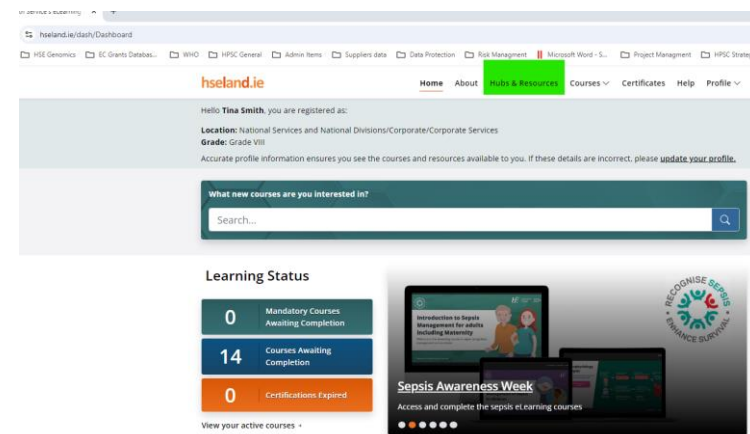
Overflow from HSE West
(Roscommon, Galway,
Midlands and Southwest
(Kerry))



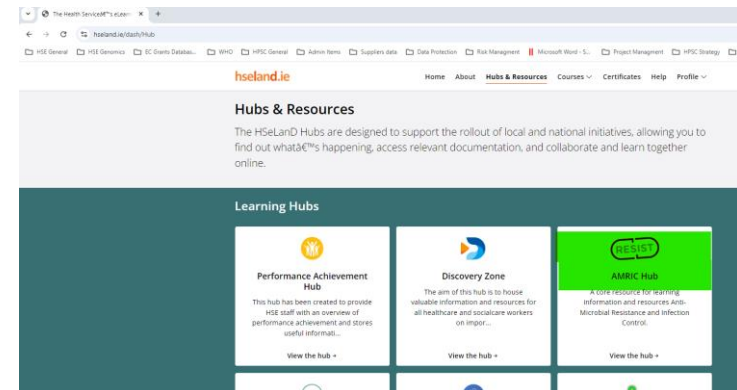
Figure 1 Laboratories used by nursing homes for respiratory virus testing, by HSE health region location of nursing home

1. Log on to HSELand
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2. Select Hubs and Resources



3. Select AMRIC hub



Module Title	Suitable for		Module Duration
AMRIC Basics of Infection Prevention and Control	All staff	Recommended	20 minutes
AMRIC Hand Hygiene	All staff	Mandatory	30 minutes
AMRIC IPC Risk Assessment	Clinical	Recommended	30 minutes
AMRIC Personal Protective Equipment	Clinical	Recommended	20 minutes
AMRIC Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions	All staff	Recommended	30 minutes
AMRIC Respiratory Hygiene and Cough Etiquette	All staff	Recommended	15 minutes
AMRIC Outbreak – Prevention and Management	Clinical	Recommended	30 minutes



Guidance	Link
National Clinical Guideline Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Volume 1, Section 3, No. 3.2.4, Recommendation 16 pages 98-101	National Clinical Guideline Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
Antibiotic Prescribing Guidance	Antibiotic Prescribing Guidance
Antibiotic Prescribing Guidance – COVID-19	Antibiotic Prescribing Guidance – COVID-19 Adults
Public Health and Infection Prevention and Control guidance on the prevention and management of cases and outbreaks of respiratory viral infections in Residential Care Facilities	PH IPC Guidance in RCF
Community Infection Prevention and Control Manual: A practical guide to implementing Standard and Transmission-Based Precautions in Community Health and Social Care Settings October 2024	Community IPC manual

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Public Health and Infection Prevention and Control guidance on the prevention and management of cases and outbreaks of respiratory viral infections in Residential Care Facilities	Public Health and Infection Prevention and Control guidance
The 5 moments for Hand Hygiene	The 5 moments for Hand Hygiene
Guidance on appropriate use of PPE – Gowns, Respirators , Masks , Gloves	Appropriate use of PPE Video resources for PPE
Acute Respiratory Infection Guidance	Acute Respiratory Infection
Infection Control Posters , Point of care risk assessments , Respiratory Hygiene posters	Poster Resources
Respiratory Guidance for Residential Care Facilities	Respiratory Guidance for Residential Care Facilities
Integrated Respiratory Virus Bulletins, 2024	HPSC Respiratory Virus Bulletins 2024

Guidance	Link
COVID-19 Nursing Homes Expert Panel: Final Report	COVID-19 Nursing Home Expert Panel Final report
National Standards for infection prevention and control (IPC) in community services(HIQA)	National Standards for infection prevention and control (IPC) in community services
Assessment-judgment framework for infection prevention and control and antimicrobial stewardship in designated centres for older people 2024(HIQA)	Assessment-judgment framework for IPC
Guidance for the assessment of designated centres for older people 2024 (HIQA)	Guidance for the assessment of designated centres for older people
Gas Safety Courses (Oxygen)	HSELand and search • Medical Gas Safety for Clinical Staff on line 2 hours duration • Medical Gas Safety for Non-Clinical Staff (e.g. Porters, Maintenance, Pharmacy on line 2 hours duration Medical gas safety for staff
Integral Valve Oxygen Cylinders Learning Guide	Integral Valve Oxygen Cylinders Learning Guide for HSE staff



Resources: Vaccination

- Information for healthcare professionals including digital versions of the leaflet and consent forms available on www.immunisation.ie
- Information leaflets:
 - <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/fluinfo/>
 - <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/covid19vaccineinfo4hps/>
 - <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/pubinfo/flu-vaccination/information/fluhcwleafleteng.pdf>
 - <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/covid-19-resources-and-translations/covid-19-vaccine-materials/combined-covid-19-booklet.pdf>
- Summary of recommended groups <https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/fluinfo/recommendedgroupscovid19andinfluenza.pdf>
- Resources available to order from healthpromotion.ie
 - Posters for flu and/or COVID-19 for those at risk, in pregnancy, HCW
- NIO developed E-learning modules available on LAIV and IIV and COVID-19 vaccines available on www.hseland.ie
- The updated NIAC chapters for influenza and COVID-19 are available:
 - https://www.hiqa.ie/sites/default/files/NIAC/Immunisation_Guidelines/Chapter_05a_COVID-19.pdf
 - https://www.hiqa.ie/sites/default/files/NIAC/Immunisation_Guidelines/Chapter_11_Influenza.pdf
- Email us (only for HCP clinical queries): immunisation@hse.ie
- Patient Information Leaflet and the Summary of Product Characteristics for each of the vaccines is available from www.hpra.ie
- HSE website information
 - <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/flu/>
 - <https://www2.hse.ie/conditions/covid19/>
 - <https://healthservice.hse.ie/staff/covid-19-staff-support/healthcare-worker-vaccines/>

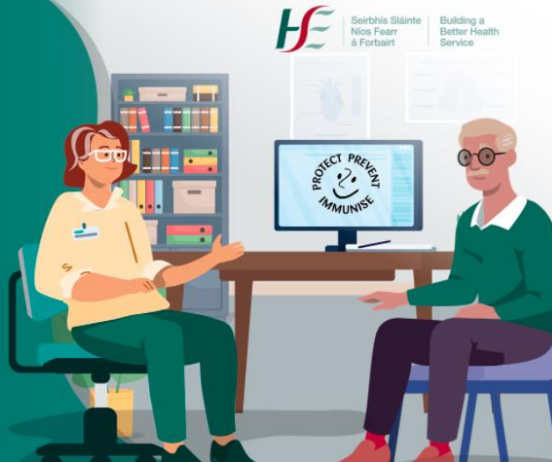


Resources: E-learning module on HSeLanD: Talking About Immunisation

Talking About Immunisation

How to communicate effectively with people who may be hesitant about vaccines.

Let's begin



Module last reviewed: 08/12/2021

Overview

Select a topic to continue.



You must visit every screen in these topics to complete this module. Once you do this, a separate assessment will become available to you on HSeLanD, and you must score 80% to get a certificate of completion.

Additional resources:

WHO

Conversations to Build Trust in Vaccination: A Training Module for Health Workers: World Health Organization

<https://global.comminit.com/content/conversations-build-trust-vaccination-training-module-health-workers>

Tailoring Immunization Programmes: World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/europe/publications/i/item/9789289054492>

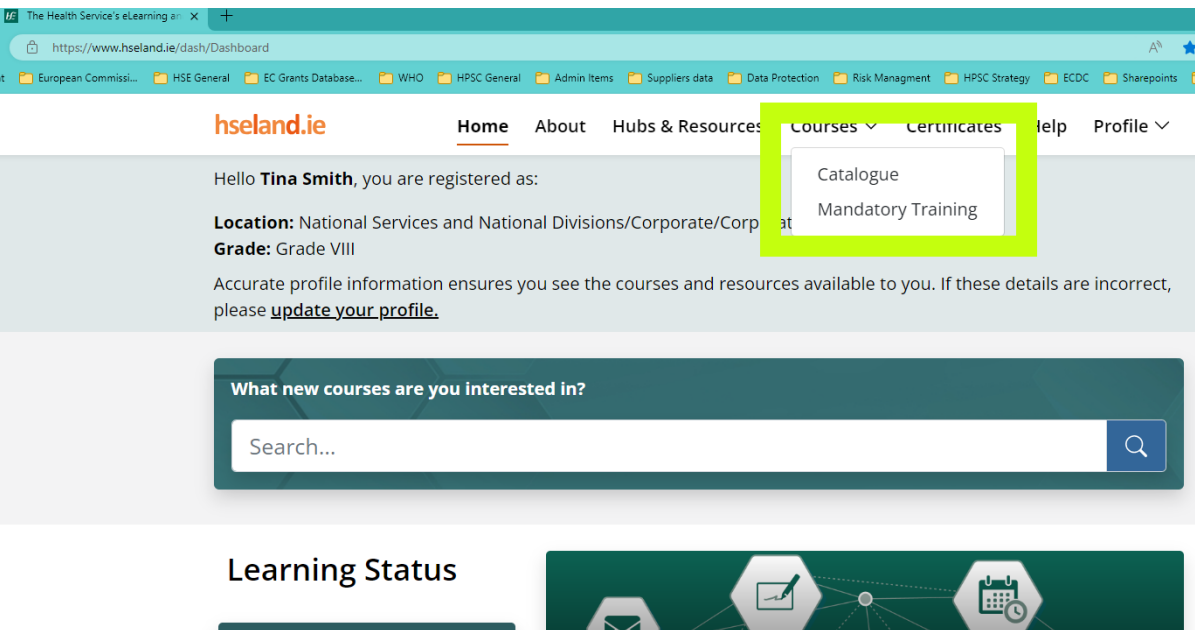
<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240049680>

<https://www.canvax.ca/health-worker-training-module-conversations-hesitant-caregivers>

ECDC

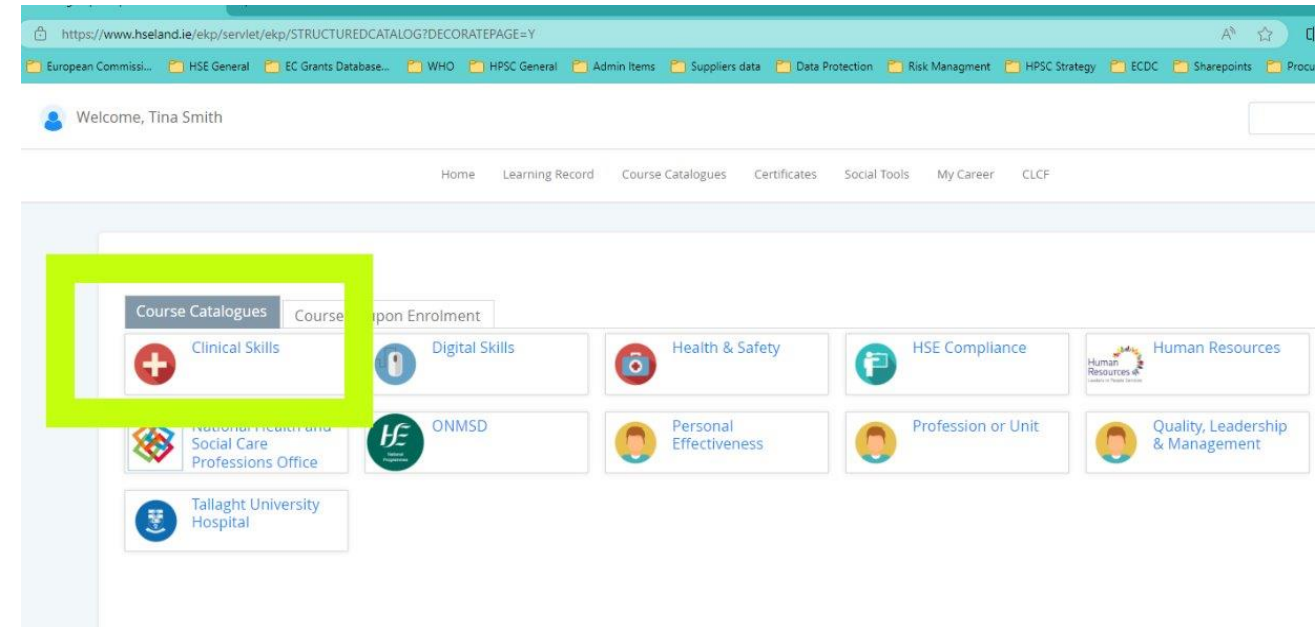
<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/tools-and-methods-promoting-vaccination-acceptance-and-uptake>

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2. Select Courses / Catalogue

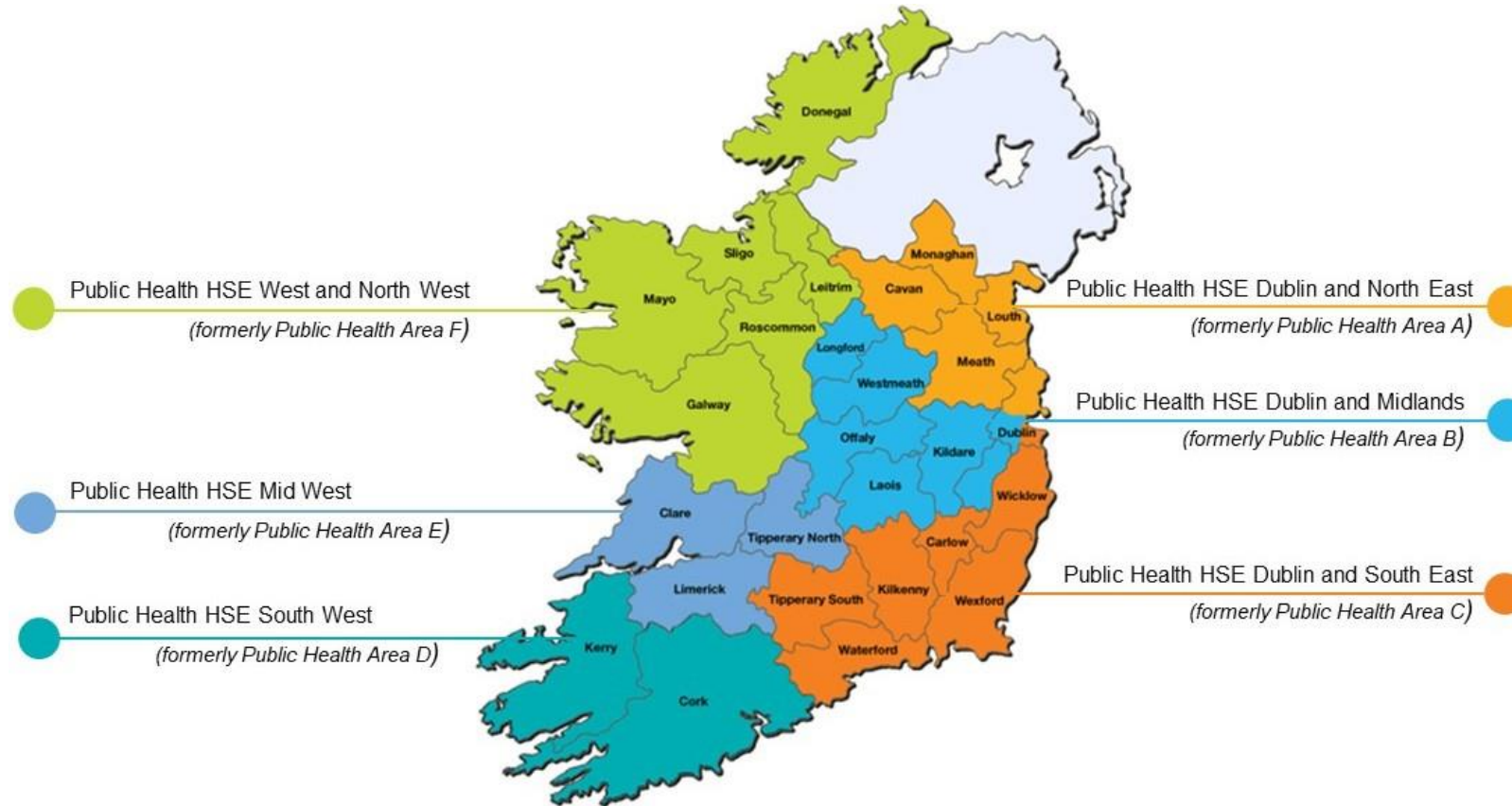


The screenshot shows the HSELand dashboard for a user named Tina Smith. The 'Courses' dropdown menu is open, showing 'Catalogue' and 'Mandatory Training' options. The 'Catalogue' option is highlighted with a yellow box. The dashboard also displays a search bar for courses and a 'Learning Status' section.

3. Select Clinical Skills >> National Immunisation office



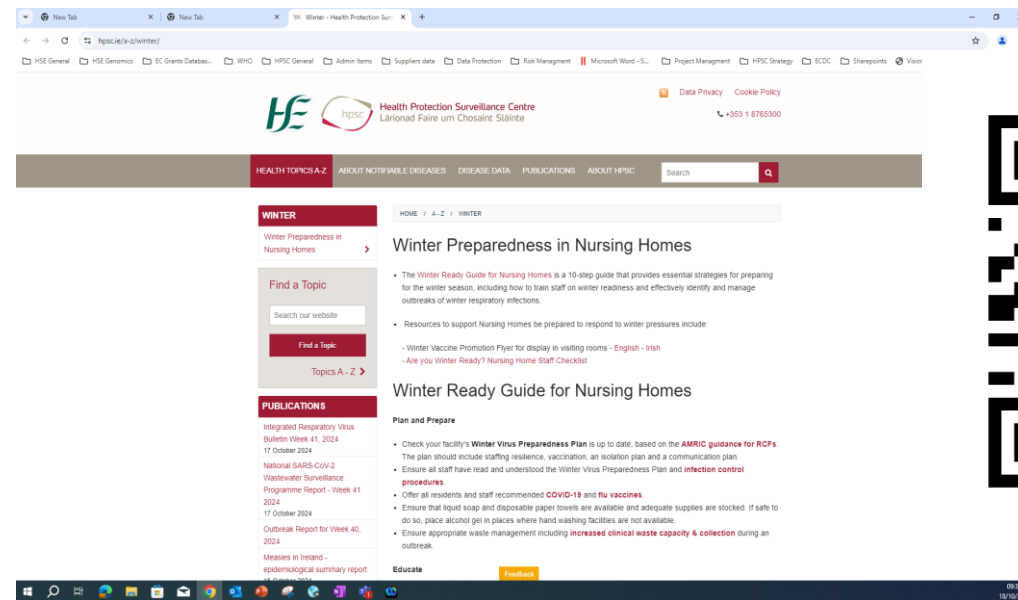
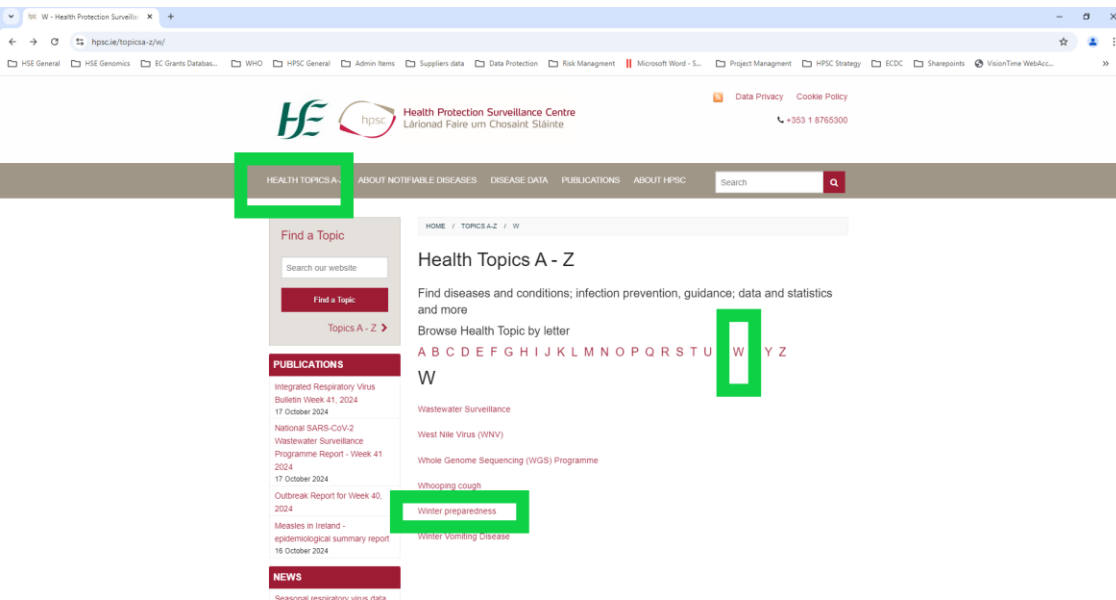
The screenshot shows the 'Course Catalogues' page in HSELand. The 'Clinical Skills' option is highlighted with a yellow box. The page also displays various other course categories and a search bar.



Link

[Public Health Contacts in Health Regions](#)

Webinar recording , presentation, Q&A will be available on HPSC website : www.hpsc.ie



Winter Preparedness



Thank you!

Any queries post the webinar can be directed to:
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