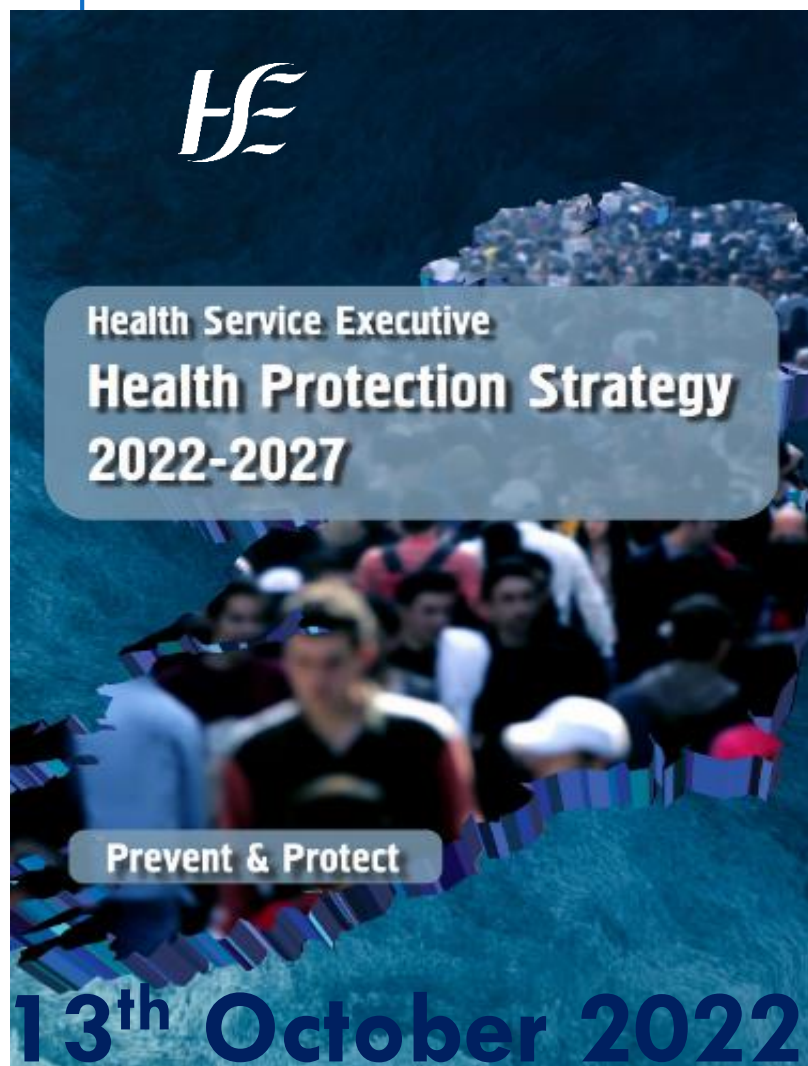


HSE HEALTH PROTECTION STRATEGY 2022-2027

STRATEGY LAUNCH PROGRAMME



Time	Address	Speaker
11:00	Chief Clinical Officer Address	Dr Colm Henry, CCO HSE
11.20	Strategy Overview Q&A	Dr Lorraine Doherty, National Clinical Director, Strategic Public Health, HSE & Chair of Strategy Development Committee
12:00	Closing Remarks	Dr Éamonn O'Moore, Director of National Health Protection, HSE.
12:15	Close, light lunch	

Health Service Executive

Health Protection Strategy

2022-2027

Strategy Overview

**DR LORRAINE DOHERTY,
NATIONAL CLINICAL DIRECTOR,
STRATEGIC PUBLIC HEALTH, HSE**

13th October 2022

- Importance of strengthening Health Protection highlighted by Covid 19 pandemic.
- New National Health Protection Service developed as part of Public Health Reform; National Office of Health Protection developed during pandemic.
- Pandemic response showed importance of wider contextual factors affecting health protection priorities and work programmes.
- Timely to develop a strategic framework to guide the work programme of the new Health Protection service.

Vision

The health and wellbeing of people in Ireland is protected against all health protection hazards.

Aim

To provide strategic health protection direction to HSE Public Health - working in collaboration with key partners - on prevention, early identification, preparedness and response to threats from all health protection hazards.



Strategy Development Committee Terms of Reference

1. To review context for Health Protection Strategy.
2. To consider and agree the core priorities for Health Protection for the period 2022-2027.
3. To develop a Health Protection Strategy for Ireland.
4. To identify the key enablers for effective delivery of strong health protection functions.
5. To agree an engagement and consultation process for strategy agreement and finalisation.
6. To deliver a Health Protection Strategy to the CCO by 31st July 22.

WHAT IS HEALTH PROTECTION?

Immunisation Programmes	Preparedness Plans & Exercises	Emergency Preparedness (All Hazards)	Enhanced Health Protection Research
Infection Control	Risk Assessment and Management	Monitoring Threats and Advising	Communication on Health Protection
Global Health	Outbreak Detection and Management	Surveillance	Outbreak Control Plans
Epidemiology and Modelling	Technology and Non-Infectious Disease Surveillance	Action for Clean Air, Water and Food	Infectious Disease Control
Environmental Health Hazard Protection	Chemical Incidents and Emergency Response	Collaboration to Protect Health	Workforce Development

- Intervening to protect the public from exposure to health-damaging hazards
- ...a core domain and statutory function of Public Health Medicine in Ireland, that involves surveillance, investigating, responding, and controlling emergency incidents.
- The prevention and control of infectious disease, environmental and radiation risks including the emergency response to major incidents and health threats.
- The protection of individual, groups and populations through expert advice and effective collaboration to identify, prevent and mitigate the impacts of infectious disease and environmental and radiation threats (Ghebrehewet, Stewart and Rugus, 2016).

Figure 1: Core functions of health protection identified during strategy development

Key areas relevant to the development of a National Health Protection Strategy for Ireland

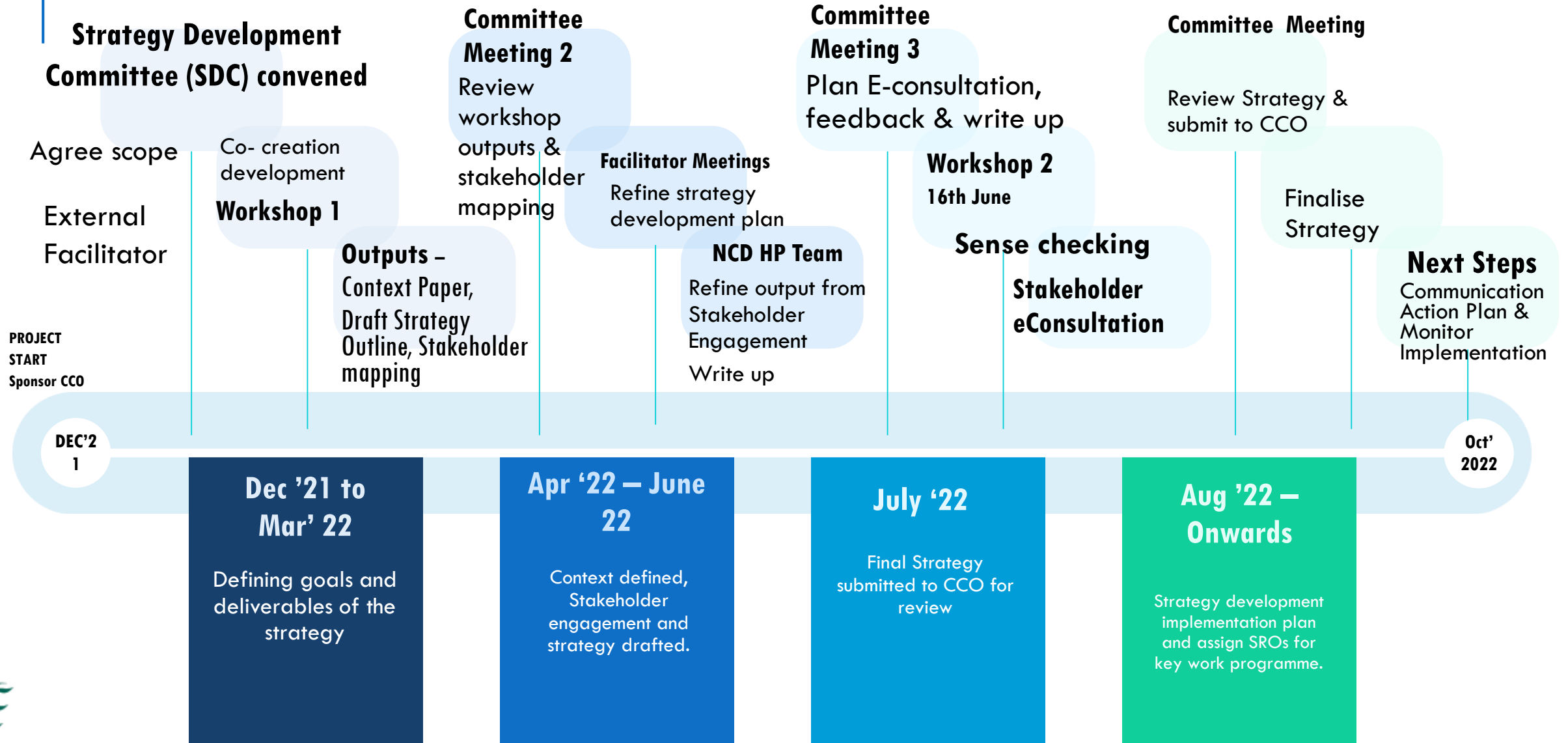
All Hazards Approach to Health Protection	COVID-19	Public Health Leadership and Governance
Public Health Preparedness and Planning	Public Health Reform	Department of Health Public Health Reform Expert Advisory Group
Public Health Communications	Technological Challenges	Fiscal Challenges
Political Context	Workforce Resourcing and Planning	Research and Research Collaboration

Context Paper

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HEALTH PROTECTION STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT ROADMAP



STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (10)

- Why is it important?
- What are we trying to achieve?
- What will we do?
- Performance Measures – *what success looks like.*

OBJECTIVE 1: SURVEILLANCE

Strengthen surveillance and epidemiological analysis of health protection threats.

Why is it important?

- Surveillance is defined as “information for action” (Orenstein and Bernier, 1990). Disease surveillance and epidemiological analysis are essential to the protection of the health of the Irish population. Surveillance—including timely information/surveillance data, independent advice, epidemiological investigation, research, training—are effective tools in prioritising and driving public health action.
- To protect the health and wellbeing of the people of Ireland against all hazards, surveillance must expand from primarily infectious diseases to include other health protection threats

What are we trying to achieve?

- The development of an integrated One Health⁴ approach to surveillance that is consistent with the global One Health initiative.
- Expand health protection surveillance from infectious disease surveillance to include all hazard threats as necessary.
- Enhance health protection surveillance through use of new technologies and systems, including the use of individual health identifiers (IHIs) and Eircodes.
- Collaborative and integrated health protection surveillance networks that include early warning systems and horizon scanning for all health protection hazards.
- Health protection surveillance networks across national and regional level, which capture the full scope of data required to inform public health actions.

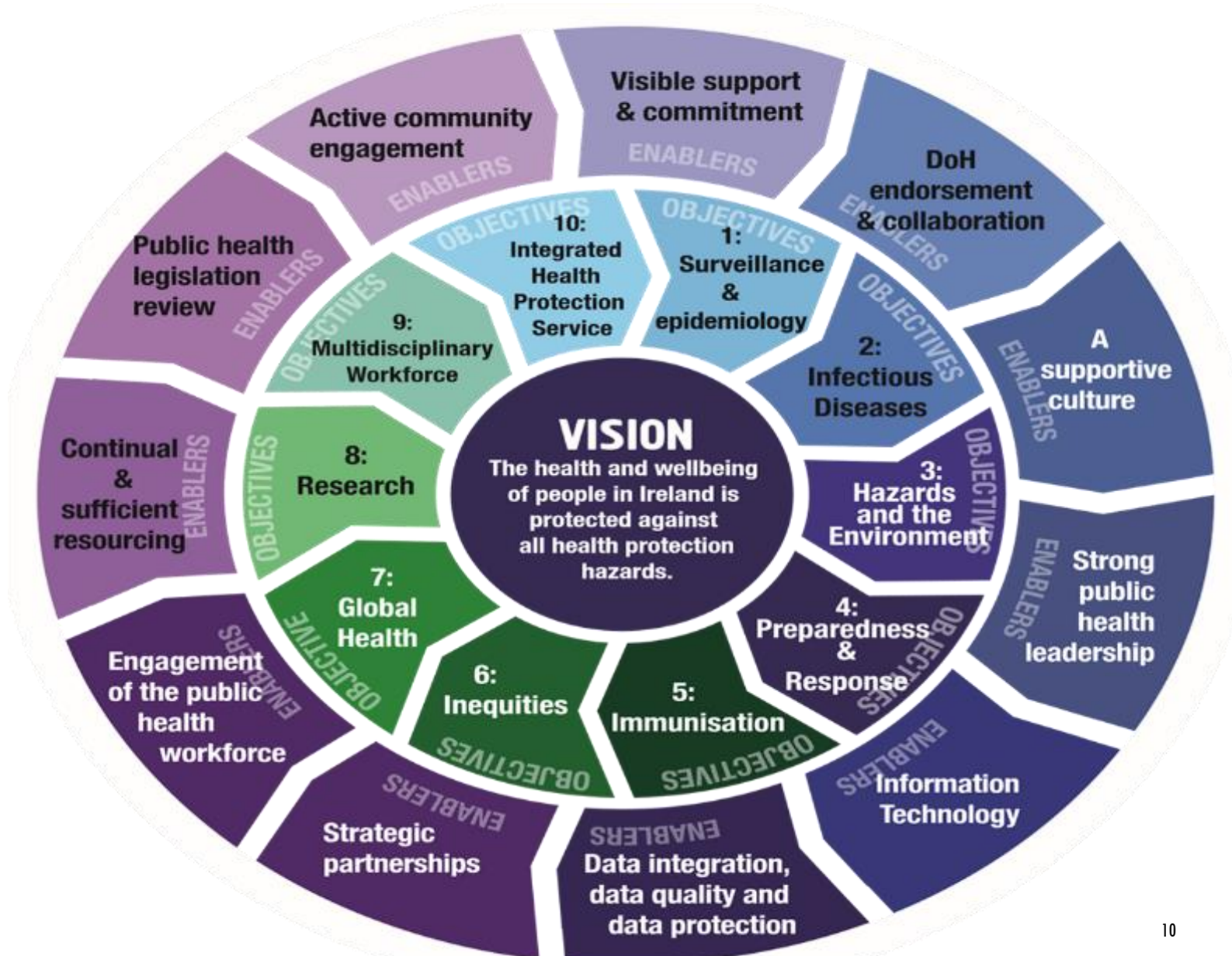
What we will do?

1. Determine health protection surveillance requirements for an all hazards approach.
2. Expand surveillance capacity and capability for an all hazards approach, as necessary.
3. Modernise or replace information systems to ensure they are fit for purpose, capturing the full scope of data required to inform public health actions and aligned with other HSE client management systems.
4. Strengthen collaboration across national health protection and regional Public Health Areas to enhance surveillance/epidemiology methodologies and capacity.
5. Ensure timely surveillance data and epidemiological analysis to drive public health action and prioritisation.

Performance Measures

1. A completed gap analysis of health protection surveillance requirements for an all hazards approach.
2. Development and implementation of a health protection surveillance plan, that provides strong information governance and data management frameworks.
3. The inclusion of non-infectious disease hazards in health protection surveillance.
4. Development of health protection information systems to ensure they are fit for purpose, including enhancement or replacement of the current system CIDR.
5. Introduction of a health protection case and incident management system across national health protection services.
6. Enhanced integration of surveillance capacity and capabilities across national and regional areas.

⁴ See also: <https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories-and-articles/item/one-health>



A Framework for Health Protection

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1. The development of an Implementation Plan for the 5- Year Strategy

Objective 1: Surveillance: Strengthen surveillance and epidemiological analysis of health protection threats.

Performance Measures	Actions - What are we going to do	SRO	Start date	End date	RAG Status	Update
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2. Engage Key Stakeholders

3. Monitor Implementation

4. Review the Strategy and develop a follow-up strategy in 2027 for the future.

Questions . . .

Thank you!

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Health Protection Strategy

The Health Service Executive Health Protection Strategy 2022-2027 outlines the objectives and priority actions for public health to take, in collaboration with key stakeholders, to achieve the protection of the population of Ireland from all health protection hazards.

Below you will find a link to the HSE Health Protection Strategy 2022-2027 and the accompanying Context Paper developed as a briefing paper for strategy development committee and workshops.



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