

# Health Information

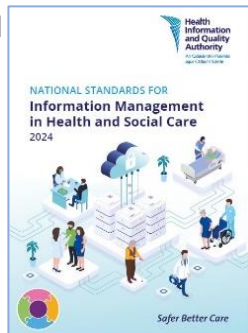
Safe, reliable healthcare depends on access to, and the use of, information that is accurate, valid, reliable, timely, relevant, legible and complete.

The Health Information and Quality Authority's Health Information function is working to ensure that high-quality health and social care information is available to support the delivery, planning and monitoring of services. To support this aim, we have developed publications, guidance and resources in several areas.

## 2024 publications

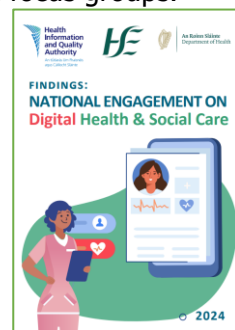
- **National Standards for Information Management in Health and Social Care**  
These standards aim to drive safer better care by providing a roadmap for organisations and services to improve the management of their health and social care information
- To support organisations to meet these standards, HIQA has also published three guidance documents including:
  - Assessment judgment framework
  - Guide to the assessment judgment framework
  - Self-assessment tool

Scan the QR code to visit HIQA's National Standards for Information Management in Health and Social Care webpage.



- **National Engagement on Digital Health & Social Care – Findings**
- HIQA, in partnership with the Department of Health and the Health Service Executive, conducted the National Engagement on Digital Health and Social Care to understand the attitudes of the Irish public and professionals regarding the digitalisation of health and social care services.
- The engagement involved a survey with 2,009 members of the public, a survey with 1,020 professionals and focus groups.
- We found that the Irish public and professionals are ready to embrace digital technologies in healthcare.

Scan the QR code for the findings report, technical report, response to the findings and data files.



## 2024 key programmes of work

- **Healthdata@IE – National project to support the implementation of the European Health Data Space**  
An EU grant-funded project being delivered in collaboration between the Department of Health, HIQA and the Health Research Board (HRB). HIQA is leading on three of the eight work packages that form the activities under this grant. This work will support the establishment of a Health Data Access Body in Ireland.
- **Standards development programme**
- We develop evidence based health information standards, guidance and technical specifications, based on well-established standards tailored for the Irish context, to support the delivery of integrated, high quality and safe care.

Please turn over for information on additional publications, guidance and resources.

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HIQA's Health Information  
webpage**



### Other key publications

#### 2022

- [Evidence synthesis](#) of governance structures and information management arrangements in place for national health and social care data collections
- [Key considerations](#) to inform policy for the collection, use and sharing of health and social care information in Ireland
- [Catalogue](#) of National Health and Social Care Data Collections, Version 4.0
- Recommendations on the [ICT Enablement](#) of Older Persons' Services

#### 2021

- [Position paper](#): The need to reform Ireland's national health information system
- Findings of the [National Public Engagement](#) on Health Information

#### 2019

- Recommendations on the Implementation of a [National Electronic Patient Summary](#) in Ireland
- National Standard for a [Clinical Summary](#) (Patient Summary)

### Reviews of information management practices undertaken by HIQA:

- National Incident Management System ([NIMS](#)) within the HSE (2021)
- Computerised Infectious Disease Reporting ([CIDR](#)) system (2019)
- Primary Care Reimbursement Scheme ([PCRS](#)) (2019)
- Hospital In-Patient Enquiry ([HIPE](#)) (2018)
- [BreastCheck](#) (2018)

### Guidance documents on best practice for information management in health and social care

#### 2018

- Guidance on a [data quality framework](#) for health and social care

#### 2017

- Guidance on [Privacy Impact Assessments](#) in health and social care
- Guidance on [Clinical Terminologies and Classifications](#)
- Guidance on [Messaging Standards](#) for Ireland
- [Five quality improvement tools](#) for national data collections

### Key resources

#### E-learning

Online learning course aimed at health and social care professionals, hosted on HSELand and on the HIQA website:

- Introduction to [data quality](#)
- Developing a [data quality framework](#)

#### Short guides

- [eHealth](#) in Ireland Frequently Asked Questions (2020)
- Key [eHealth terms](#) (2020)

#### Videos

- National Standards for Information Management in Health and Social Care
- What is an [electronic patient summary](#)? (2019)
- The importance of [data quality](#) in health and social care (2018)

See HIQA's YouTube channel to access videos