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Governance and strategic direction

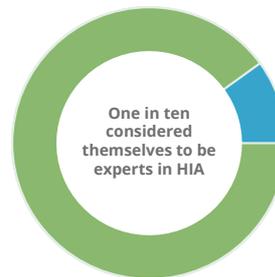
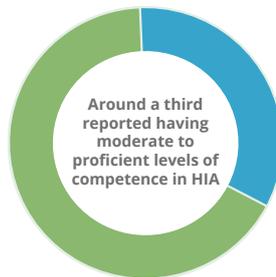
The new HIA leadership team met eight times in 2023 to coordinate the delivery of HIA work in line with our annual IPH Business Plan.



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IPH products supporting HIA on the island

We undertook a survey of HIA Training and Support Needs in Ireland and Northern Ireland. This found that:



Respondents reported strengths in other areas such as...



Technical research skills



Project management



Communication



Stakeholder engagement

We worked with experts to produce an open access context-appropriate project-level HIA case study to support practitioners to use our updated HIA Guidance.



Scan to see our presentation at the 2023 European Public Health Association conference.



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Supporting development of skills in HIA

We delivered teaching sessions to:

- RCPI Public Health Medicine Specialty Registrars
- Masters in Public Health at Queens University Belfast
- Masters in Spatial Planning at Trinity University Dublin.



We contributed to:

- The EUPHA HIA Competences Working Group to identify common elements for a HIA curriculum.
- A workshop on competences and training needs for HIA practitioners across Europe at the EUPHA conference in Dublin, November 2023. [Access the report here.](#)

We provided HIA advice and support to:

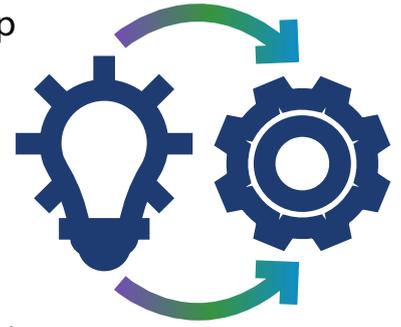
- The Health Service Executive health and wellbeing leads supporting regeneration projects in Dublin City Council.

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Working in partnership to enhance evidence on HIA

We directly supported a University College Cork led research project funded by the Health Research Board to develop insights on implementation of HIA in Ireland.

We were part of a successful joint funding application to the Environmental Protection Agency for a research project, led by University College Dublin, to develop a *Toolkit for Proportionate and Consistent Consideration of Population and Human Health in Strategic Environmental Assessment*.



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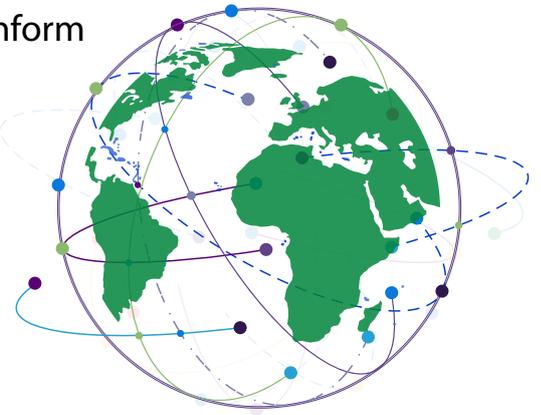
Working with partners in the UK, Europe and globally to develop HIA

We contributed to a HIA expert consultation to inform the strategic direction of HIA in World Health Organization Europe.

We supported a UK Health Foundation funded report Health Impact Assessment - Current use and future opportunities to improve health and reduce health inequalities. An Evidence Brief was also published entitled *Sick Britain: A call for mandatory Health Impact Assessments across government with the support of a dedicated 'Health in All Policies' support unit*.

We worked with colleagues across the UK to represent Northern Ireland in the UK-wide NIHR funded study *Developing Methods for System-Informed Health Impact Assessment*.

We shaped UK policy development as active members of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) Health Working Group. The group developed a response to the UK consultation on Environmental Outcomes Report.



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