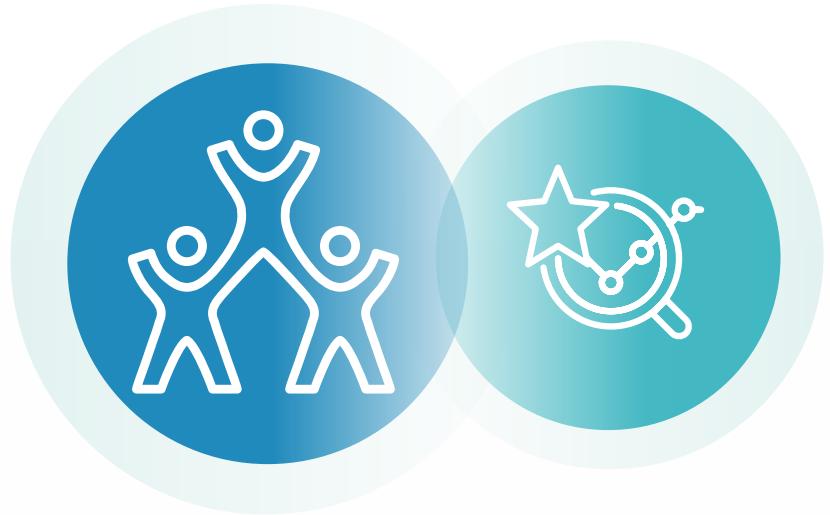


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Executive Summary

The National Screening Service Strategic Plan 2023-2027



Who we are and what we do

The National Screening Service (NSS) delivers four national population-based screening programmes. We screen for bowel, breast, and cervical cancer, and for retinopathy in people with diabetes. These programmes aim to reduce morbidity and mortality in the population through prevention and/or early recognition of disease and treatment, both of which can greatly improve health outcomes. They aim to do this through achieving high quality, best practice and person-centred care. Although we deliver screening at a population level, we aim to put the patient first by adopting a participant-centred approach that focuses on care, compassion, trust and learning.

About this plan

Our new strategic plan offers a roadmap for what we hope to achieve over the coming five years, and how we plan to achieve it. To make sure that our plan is meaningful, and ensure that we maintain our focus on delivering a participant-centred service, we undertook consultations with our screening participants, our staff, and our partners to understand what goals and objectives would be most important and relevant for our stakeholders.

This strategy is written in a time of significant change across the health service, as well as growing global uncertainty.

In developing our strategy we have taken into account the wider context in which the NSS operates. We have focused on our environment, and looked to ongoing developments in screening and population health – both in Ireland and abroad. We have developed a unified vision, promoting innovation and excellence in patient care and outcomes – and we have considered how we will fulfill our mission to lead, deliver and develop our screening programmes in a way that ensures the highest quality, saves lives and improves people's health across Ireland.

There is more information about our screening programmes, our mission, vision and values and our key areas of focus for the next five years in our [full strategy report](#).

Summary of our goals

We have agreed on six key areas of focus, and what we hope to achieve in the coming five years. Each of these areas is important to us, and will guide our efforts, work and development. A number of long-term goals and objectives have been identified under each priority, as well as a series of actions to achieve each goal. These goals, and our plan to achieve them, are explored in more detail in our [full strategy report](#).

Our Values

What we believe in



Care

We work in partnership with screening participants, staff, and the general population to provide a service that is based on quality, equity and respect.



Compassion

We support each other, showing kindness and understanding, even when faced with difficult decisions and situations.



Trust

We build relationships that are based on openness, honesty and accountability to foster a culture where people feel safe and believe in each other.



Learning

We promote a culture of partnership, reflection and continuous improvement in providing a service based on innovation and excellence.