The Health Well

The Health Well is a unique all-island (Ireland and Northern Ireland) health information website that promotes health and wellbeing by supporting evidence-informed decision making.

It is a free resource for policy makers, health and social care professionals, managers, researchers and students, agencies and others who provide health and social care.

It brings together in one place health related information from a wide range of sources and will help you:

- Access the information you need
- Understand and use information more effectively
- Work collaboratively across the web

The Chronic Conditions Hub is managed by the INIsPHO Team at the Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH) in collaboration with the HRB Centre for Health and Diet Research (UCC/UCD) in Ireland and the UKCRC Centre of Excellence for Public Health (NI) (QUB) in Northern Ireland.

Healthy people and healthy communities on the island of Ireland

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Chronic conditions are a major public health challenge, responsible for significant mortality, reduced quality of life, and costs to the health and social care system and the economy.

The Chronic Conditions Hub is a free health information website that brings together information on these important conditions. It allows you to:

- Easily access relevant information resources
- Manage and share those resources using online accounts and social media tools
- Better understand and use information
- Work collaboratively using web groups

Information resources

The Chronic Conditions Hub offers a broad range of information resources that are systematically organised and presented:

- Interventions
- Policy
- Data
- Evidence
- Knowledge Exchange
- Organisations
- News

What conditions are covered?

You can browse these information resources using the top menu bar or search using an integrated search engine.

Currently, IPH prepares prevalence estimates and forecasts for:

- Chronic airflow obstruction
- Diabetes
- Coronary heart disease
- Hypertension
- Musculoskeletal conditions
- Stroke

In 2014 IPH will publish estimates of the population prevalence of longstanding conditions among young children. These will be based on Growing Up in Ireland and the Millennium Cohort Study.

Population prevalence estimates and forecasts

Population prevalence, the number of people who have a condition, can help us describe the pattern of ill-health and help develop services where and when they are needed.

IPH systematically estimates and forecasts the prevalence of chronic conditions for national and subnational areas. These show how prevalence varies across the island and what changes are expected in the future.

On the Chronic Conditions Hub you will find:

- A Briefing for each condition
- Detailed technical documentation
- Detailed data that can be downloaded or explored using the Health Well’s Data Visualiser.
- An interactive tool that allows you to calculate prevalence estimates for real or hypothetical populations and to explore ‘What if’ scenarios.