

Who we are

Ireland and Northern Ireland's Population Health Observatory (INIsPHO) was established in the Institute of Public Health in Ireland in 2005.

The Observatory's aim is to "support those working to improve health and reduce health inequalities by:

- Producing and disseminating health intelligence, and
- Strengthening the research and information infrastructure on the island of Ireland."

The Institute of Public Health in Ireland is the all-Ireland body responsible for promoting North / South co-operation in public health. Tackling inequalities is at the core of everything it does.

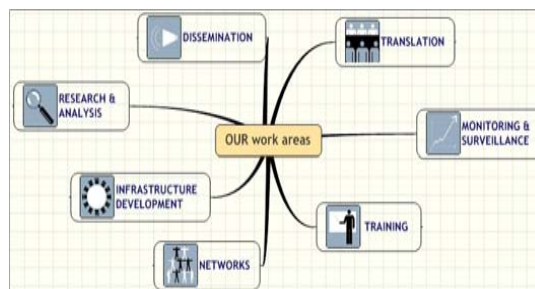
The Observatory's Advisory Group is a sub-committee of the Institute's Management Board.

Our Partners

INIsPHO works closely with its partners – those involved in the production and dissemination of health intelligence - as well as those who use it. Much of its work is overseen by working groups with representatives from the two health departments, lead research agencies, health and social services agencies, and the community and voluntary sector. It is an active member of APHO, the Association of Public Health Observatories.

What we do

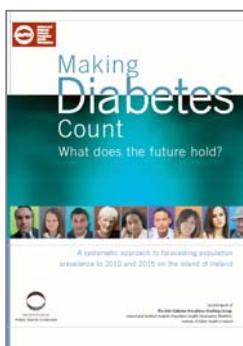
INIsPHO works across a number of different areas.



Research & Analysis

Diabetes prevalence

In 2006, Ireland and Northern Ireland's Population Health Observatory at the Institute of Public Health published the first systematically developed estimates of the population prevalence of diabetes for the island of Ireland. This was followed in July of 2007 with the report "Making Diabetes Count: What does the future hold?" which provided prevalence forecasts for 2010 and 2015.



Dissemination

INIsPHO eData

The "INIsPHO eData" system is the main website designed to increase access to and use of (numerical) health-related data. It includes tables of pre-calculated indicators and more flexible datasets, together with a number of online analytical tools that allow users to aggregate, graph and map that data.



All-Ireland electronic HealthLibrary (AleHL)

For those looking for other types of (non-numerical) information, the Institute of Public Health's eLibrary includes a wide range of policy and strategy documents, research and evaluation reports, project details, etc.

The All-Ireland electronic Health Library (AleHL) is a wider network of interoperable websites across the island of Ireland. It aims to support effective decision-making by helping people to more easily bring together knowledge resources that are distributed across many different websites. An AleHL search allows you to simultaneously search the knowledge resources on all of these member websites without having to visit each one separately.

Networks

All-Ireland Health Intelligence Conference

INIsPHO brings together people, organisations and information. In November 2006, with its partners, the Observatory organized the Inaugural



All-Ireland Health Intelligence Conference (AIHIC 2006).

The conference provided delegates an opportunity to learn about new initiatives and to exchange ideas. It will be held every two years.

Infrastructure Development

Metadata Standards

Metadata are the details used to catalogue knowledge resources. They enable resources to be easily managed, retrieved and shared. Version 2.0 of the Observatory's metadata standards was published in November 2006.



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