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The Impact of Public Engagement on Irish Health Policy and Health Service Reform

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Overview

- Public Engagement as a significant part of health service development
 - Examples from health policy and health service development initiatives
- My more direct experience of public engagement
 - Sláintecare Health Service Reform
 - Health Information Policy and Practice
- Public engagementand some reflections on the question of the existing organisation of facilities

***Extensive use of public engagement in
health and social care***

Women's Health

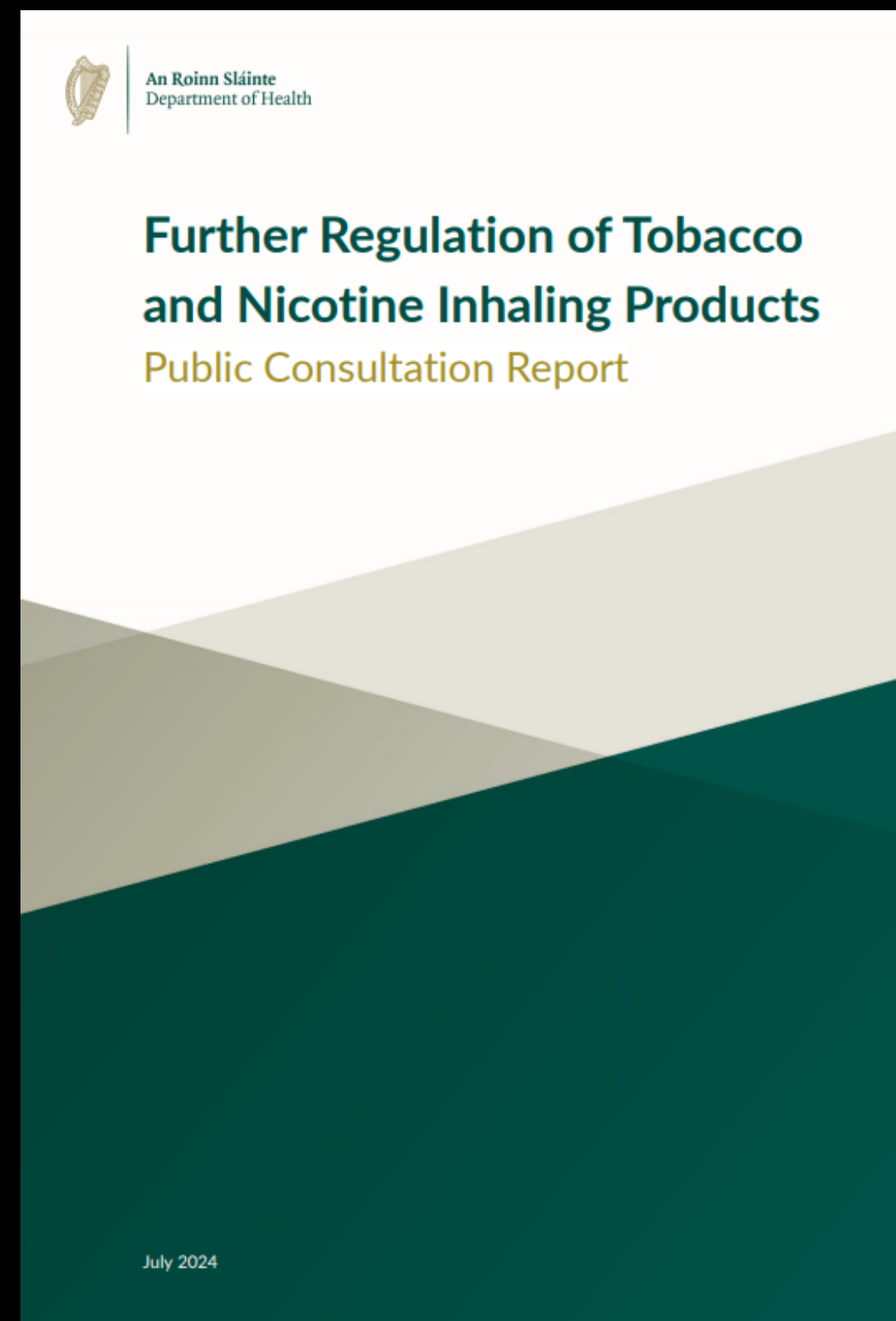
Women's Health Taskforce

‘Open policy making’ model, working in a collaborative way, involving policy makers, clinicians, international partners, advocates, health experts and the voices of women through workshops, research and outreach.

Listening Exercises



Nicotine Inhaling Products



To gain public views on a range of possible measures to regulate tobacco and nicotine inhaling products.

Public Consultation

- Unexpected submission activity -

Citizens' Assembly

2016 – 2018

- **The 8th Amendment (Abortion Law)**
- **Responding to the Challenges & Opportunities of an Ageing Population**
- Fixed Term Parliaments
- How Referenda are Held
- How the State can make Ireland a Leader in Tackling Climate Change

2020 – 2021

- Gender Equality

2022

- A Directly Elected Mayor for Dublin
- How to Respond to the Loss of Biodiversity

My own experiences

Person-centred through a focus on the full population

How
recent
history is

October 2005

- 14th - Roy Keane retires from international football.
- 22nd – Liam Laylor is killed in a car crash in Moscow
- 25th – Ferns Report published
- On the 24th...
- Rosa Parks died!



Look deep into my chart

Health Regions Reform

HSE Health Regions Implementation

Comprehensive analysis conducted to understand population characteristics:

- Patient flow across services and regions.
- Accessibility to services, distances & travel times.

Helped to identify a new geographical alignment which ensured:

- A critical mass of population for each region.
- Minimal disruption to existing services.
- Feasibility and span of control of services.

Provided crucial context to frame engagement with the public.

Health Information Policy

Health Information Practice

