

# Fingal County Council

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## Fingal Stakeholders meet to form strategy for Healthy Ireland Initiative



Fingal's Local Community Development Committee and Fingal Children and Young People's Services Committees (FCYPSCs) held a Healthy Ireland Stakeholder Day in the Crowne Plaza in Blanchardstown to assist with the formation of a strategic plan for the Fingal area.

In 2017, Fingal Children and Young Peoples Services Committee and Fingal County Council were jointly granted €138,400 of funding by the Department of Health and Department of Children and Youth Affairs as part of its Healthy Ireland Fund to be distributed across nine projects designed to improve the health and well-being of Fingal residents. One of the actions is the development of a Healthy Ireland Strategic Plan for the Fingal area.

*Healthy Ireland, A Framework for Improved Health and Wellbeing 2013-2025* is the national framework for action to improve the health and wellbeing of Ireland over the coming generation. It is being implemented on a local level as part of Fingal's Local Economic and Community Plan (LECP) 2016 – 2021.

During the stakeholder day, Chief Executive of Fingal County Council Paul Reid said: "Fingal County Council welcomes the Healthy Ireland initiative and the participation of so many agencies and services providers in the development of the strategic plan. It is a wonderful opportunity to identify and prioritise specific health areas to assist with improving the overall health and well-being of Fingal residents."

The day was opened by Paul Reid CEO Fingal County Council and Eilidh Mac Nab Tusla area manager for Dublin North and Chair of FCYPSC.

Chair of FCYPSC Eilidh Mac Nab said: "It was a pleasure to welcome colleagues from the Voluntary, Community and Statutory Sectors coming together and working together to improve health across Fingal County. Improving outcomes for children and young people through local and national interagency working is our common goal and days like today contribute to greater collaboration, co-ordination and planning of services. I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered to participate."

The stakeholder day had over 60 people in attendance from various service providers and agencies who participated in thematic workshops relating to mental health and well-being; healthy weight for Ireland, physical activity, drugs and alcohol, tobacco and sexual health.

Welcoming the funding and the initiative, Mayor of Fingal, Cllr Mary McCamley said: "I am delighted to see the implementation of such a comprehensive health and well-being initiative and look forward to the positive impacts it can potentially bring about for Fingal residents. It is essential that we invest in the future of our residents and this requires the development of a health plan that educates and assists them in leading healthier and longer lives."

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Photo caption: Chief Executive of Fingal County Council, Paul Reid and Chair of FCYPSC, Eilidh Mac Nab at the Healthy Ireland Stakeholders meeting in the Crowne Plaza, Blanchardstown