



An Roinn Sláinte

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Shábháilteacht **1** Othar
Patient Safety **1** First

Introduction

- Government policy - to support people to live at home and to support access to quality access to quality long term residential care
- Keeping People Healthy, Equity, Quality, Empowerment, Patient-centredness, Efficiency and Effectiveness, Regulation and Patient Safety (*Future Health*, DoH 2012)

Background

- Current population over 65 is 540,000
- By 2041, this will rise to 1.4 million
- Health Service Reform (e.g. *Future Health*)
- Demand and expectation e.g. > 1,800,000 currently with medical cards

HSE Service Plan 2013

- **NHSS budget of €998 million**
 - Supporting 22,761 clients
- **Older People €392 million**
 - 10,870 people in receipt of HCPs
 - 10.3m hours of home help (50,000 people)
 - 21,460 day care places

Current Developments

- Single Assessment Tool (SAT)
- Review of Fair Deal
- National Carers Strategy

Ageing in Ireland

- *As we enter the 21st century, global ageing will put increased economic and social demands on all countries. At the same time, older people are a precious, often ignored resource that makes an important contribution to the fabric of our societies. (WHO, 2002)*

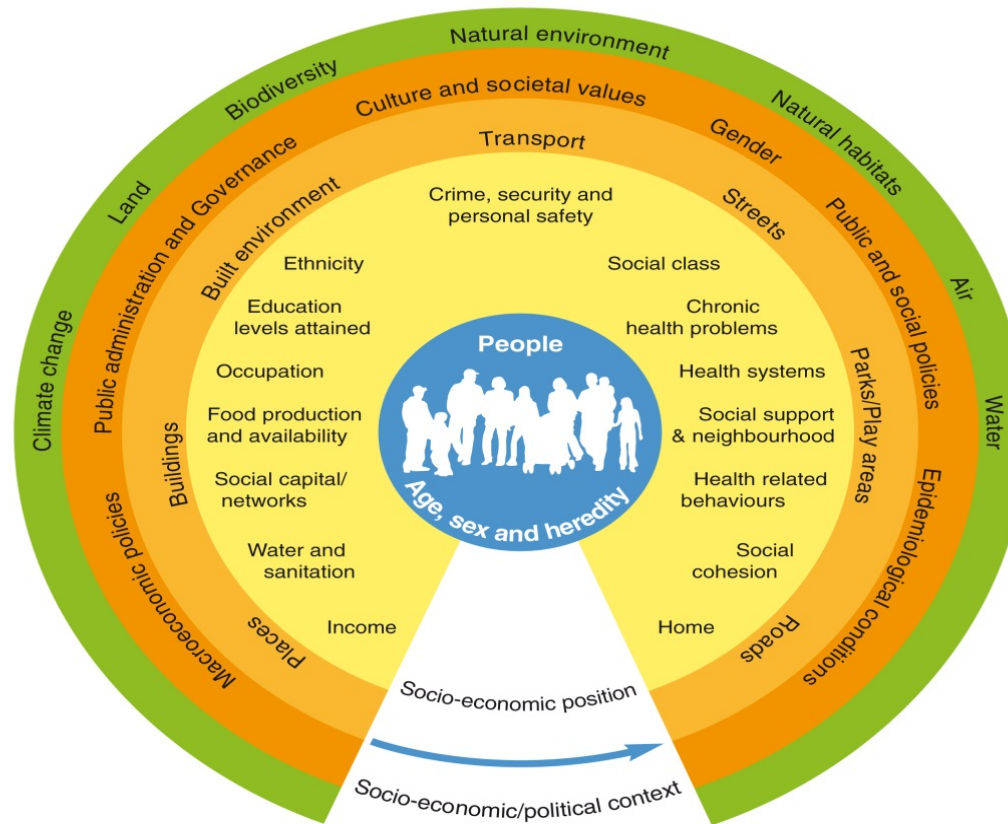
Active ageing

- Healthy ageing
- Health and personal social services
- Carers and caring
- Employment and retirement
- Education and lifelong learning
- Volunteering
- Social participation
- Transport
- Financial security
- Housing and the built environment
- Safety and security
- Elder abuse
- Etc
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Healthy ageing

Determinants of Health

(Adapted from Dalghren and Whitehead, 1991 and Grant and Barton, 2006)



Future Developments

- *Healthy Ireland*
- National Positive Ageing Strategy
- Dementia Strategy
- Regulation of Home Care sector?

Conclusion

- *Ultimately, a collective approach to ageing and older people will determine how we, our children and our grandchildren will experience life in later years' (WHO, 2002)*

Thanks for listening !

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