



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland

Have Your Say on New Rules to Keep People Safe when They Use Care Services

Easy to Read Executive Summary

Prepared by the Department of Health



The government wants to hear what you think about its new plans.

They want to know if you think the plans are a good idea or a bad idea.

This is called a consultation.



This consultation is about plans for **safeguarding**.



What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding means keeping you safe from harm.



We are asking you about new plans for keeping people safe when they use certain services.

These services are health and other care services.

This can include disability or mental health services, nursing homes, hospitals, or going to your doctor.



We want your views about the new plans.

You can also say any changes you would like us to make or what you like about the plans.



Our Vision is

That you are kept safe from harm when you use health and other care services.

Goal and purpose
The new rules – Who and What are the new rules for?



The rules will help people aged 18 or older when they use health and other care services.

Some people are more **at risk**, which means they are in more danger of someone harming them.

The new rules will help keep these people safer.



The rules will support and respect your rights.



The rules will make sure that you can make your own choices.

Goal and purpose

The new rules – Who and What are the new rules for? continued



The rules will make sure that staff and volunteers will work to keep you safe from harm in a way that does not upset you.



There will be new rules for staff and volunteers to keep you safe in health and other care services.

Ways of Working
How we will work with you



Giving information and training about keeping people safe.



Making sure services try to prevent harm from happening.



Protecting you from harm by making sure the rules are followed by everyone.



Making services and other organisations work better together to keep you safe from harm.

Ways of Working
How we will work with you continued



Bringing in new laws and rules to protect you.

How we will work with you



We will “put you first”.



We will help you make your own Choices.



We will accept you for who you are and for what you believe.
We will respect your rights.

How we will work with you continued



We will be fair and respectful in how we work with you to keep you safe.



We will help services and other organisations to work together to protect you.



We will answer to you about how well we keep people safe.

The Government will make sure that:



Everyone must work to keep people safe from harm.



Special Health Service Executive (HSE) Teams called “Adult Safeguarding and Protection Teams” will still be based in all parts of Ireland.

These Teams will still work to keep people safe from harm.



The new rules say that the HSE will still lead all of this work.

How you can tell us what you think about the new rules



We have prepared a list of questions.

This is called a survey.

You can take part in the survey by answering these questions and telling us what you think.

You can answer as many or as few questions as you like.

You can fill out the online survey to tell us what you think if you [CLICK HERE](#)



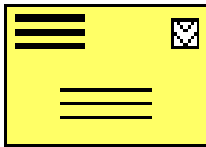
If you want a paper copy of the questions, you can print it out from our website [CLICK HERE](#)



To ask for a copy of the questions to be posted to you email us at:

adultsafeguardingconsultation@health.gov.ie

How you can tell us what you think about the new rules continued



When you have filled in the survey online you do not need to do anything else.

You can email the survey to us at:
adultsafeguardingconsultation@health.gov.ie

or post it to us at:

Adult Safeguarding Public Consultation,
Department of Health,
Block 1, Miesian Plaza,
50-58 Lower Baggot Street,
Dublin,
D02 XW14.

What will happen after I give my views?



The Institute of Public Health will look at what everyone has said and write a report.



PRIVACY POLICY

We will not put anyone's name in the report.



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The government will look at what people say about the planned new rules.

We will then decide if we need to make changes to the new rules because of what people said.



The government will decide which of the new rules should become law.



If you want to know more, please [CLICK HERE](#)

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