



Adult Immunisation: A call to action



We envision an Ireland ‘where everyone, everywhere, at every age, fully benefits from vaccines for good health and well-being’.

Why?..



Ireland has one of the fastest ageing populations in Europe¹



Chronic diseases are increasing, with 74% of >58-year-olds living with comorbidities²



With healthcare utilisation and costs rising³, it is cheaper to prevent rather than treat disease



Adult immunisation programmes could save up to €23 for every €1 spent in Ireland⁴



Anti-microbial resistance is a significant threat⁵



80% of vaccines in development are aimed towards adults⁶

To achieve this, we recommend...

the development of a whole-of-government immunisation strategy for Ireland, promoting a life-course framework to vaccination, based on these four strategic pillars



Trustworthy

to build adult vaccine confidence and ensure transparency

1



Equitable

to ensure convenient access based on need, in line with NIAC* recommendations

2



Data-driven

to support efficiency, timely decision-making, targeting, and ongoing evaluation

3



Future-fit

to leverage future adult vaccine innovations for the benefit of all who live in Ireland

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¹ Department of Health, “Health in Ireland Key Trends 2022,” Government of Ireland, 2022. [Online]. Available: <https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/241598/8a6472b4-83cf-45ec-88c9-023e0c321d8c.pdf#>.

² TILDA, “The Older Population of Ireland on the Eve of the COVID-19 pandemic,” TILDA, 2020. [Online]. Available: <https://tilda.tcd.ie/publications/reports/W5KeyFindings/index.php>. [Accessed November 2024].

³ OECD (2022), OECD Economic Surveys: Ireland 2022, OECD Publishing, Paris. [Online]. Available: <https://doi.org/10.1787/46a6ea85-en>. [Accessed November 2024].

⁴ Office of Health Economics, “The Value of Adult Vaccination in Ireland,” OHE, Dublin, 2024.

⁵ European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, “Antibiotic resistance: a growing threat to human health,” [Online]. <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/publications-data/antibiotic-resistance-growing-threat-human-health>. [Accessed November 2024].

⁶ Vaccines Europe, “Vaccines Europe Pipeline Review 2022,” Vaccines Europe, 2022. [Online]. Available: <https://www.vaccineseuropa.eu/vaccines-ecosystem/vaccines-pipeline/>. [Accessed November 2024].

* National Immunisation Advisory Committee.