Healthy Food for All

Food & Health Policy for 0-5 years in Ireland

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National Nutrition Policy

- "Promote healthy feeding practices for infants and young children (0-5 yrs)"
- "Contribute to healthy eating and a reduction in food poverty for infants and young children (1-5 yrs) in socially disadvantaged areas."
- "Work in partnership with relevant agencies to implement recommendations to help reduce food poverty with particular emphasis on children



Other Relevant Policies

- WHO/EU Legislation
- National Taskforce on Obesity
- Towards 2016 new Social Partnership Agreement
- NAPSIncl
- National Children's Strategy



Current Policy Guides & Resources

- Breastfeeding Policy
- National Breastfeeding Guidelines
- HSE Healthy First Steps Good Nutrition from Pre-Pregnancy through to Infancy
- Pre-School Healthy Eating Guidelines
- Infant Feeding Guidelines for Direct Provision Centres
- Smart Start



Who Delivers?

Dept. of Health & Children Health Service Executive (Population Health/PCCC) Maternity Services Community Dietitian Public Health Nurses General Practitioners Local Health Centres Preschool Services Local Community Groups



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Source of Information Identify Gaps in Service Provision Advocacy Role

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