



**Oifig Náisiúnta Um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisalaigh**  
Dara Urlár, Foirgneamh Clinciúil & Riarcháin Bloc A,  
Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte,  
Páirc Mheirlinne, Gaillimh, H91 N973  
Fón: 091 775094 / 775906  
Riomhphost: [HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie](mailto:HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie)

**National Health and Social Care Professions Office**  
2nd Floor, Clinical and Administration Block A  
HSE, Merlin Park, Galway, H91 N973  
Telephone: 091 775094 / 775906  
Email: [HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie](mailto:HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie)

**Oifig Náisiúnta Um Ghairmithe Sláinte agus Cúraim Shóisalaigh**  
Céad Urlár, Halla an Fhionnuisce  
Campas Ospidéal Naomh Muire,  
Bóthar na nAcraí, Páirc an Fhionnuisce  
Baile Átha Cliath 20, D20 CK33  
Fón: 01 7959780  
Riomhphost: [HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie](mailto:HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie)

**National Health and Social Care Professions Office**  
1st Floor, Phoenix Hall,  
St Mary's Hospital Campus,  
Acres Road, Phoenix Park,  
Dublin 20, D20 CK33  
Telephone: 01 7959780  
Email: [HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie](mailto:HSCP.NationalOffice@hse.ie)

19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

## Re: The National Health and Social Care Professions Quality Framework for Sustainable Practice Education

Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to share that the ***National Health and Social Care Professions Quality Framework for Sustainable Practice Education*** attached has been completed. This document is the culmination of two interdependent and combined research projects commissioned by the National HSCP Office and led by Dr Caroline Hills and Dr Sinead McMahon. These two research projects involved literature reviews and Delphi surveys including many health and social care professions. The aim of the projects was to support quality and incentivise practice education in the health and social care professions.

We plan to launch the ***National Health and Social Care Professions Quality Framework for Sustainable Practice Education*** in early Spring 2023, but given the national focus on stabilising and increasing supply of practice placements to enable increase in HSCP student numbers, we wanted to make this important resource available to you without delay.

As you know practice placements are a mandatory regulatory and /or accreditation requirement for HSCP entry to practice programmes and an essential element in preparing HSCP students to work. In order to increase the number of HSCP graduates, additional practice placements are required. It is our hope and belief that the ***National Health and Social Care Professions Quality Framework for Sustainable Practice Education*** will complement other measures and resources to ensure that all HSCP who can provide practice education opportunities for students are enabled and encouraged to do so, which of course has the benefit of enhancing their ability to recruit HSCP graduates.

In terms of implementation plans, we plan to promote existing resources to support implementation of this Framework and to develop learning modules and other supporting resources as required. We would welcome volunteers from all professions, roles and sectors to join us in this effort and welcome expressions of interest to the National HSCP Office email account using ***National Health and Social Care Professions Quality Framework for Sustainable Practice Education*** Implementation Working Group in the subject line by **January 12<sup>th</sup> 2023**.

I encourage you to read, discuss and use the document and share widely with your HSCP colleagues and we would welcome your feedback.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Reed  
National HSCP Lead

Encl.