



Public Consultation on Access to Contraception

About the consultation questionnaire

There are four sections:

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Most of the sections have questions on how much you agree or disagree with key issues. There are also opportunities to share your views in more detail throughout the consultation.

Section 1 - Your details

In this section, we ask that you tell us a little about yourself, so we can look at the submissions received from different points of view. This is the only reason for collecting this information.

Q1 Are you completing this questionnaire (please tick below.)

- On behalf of an organisation or representative body
- As an individual

Please fill in this section if you are making a submission as an individual.
If you are making a submission on behalf of an organisation, please skip to page 5.

Q1.1 What is your name?

(If you would prefer not to give your name please skip to the next question)

Q1.2 Do you work in the health or social care sector? Please tick below.

- No
- Yes - as a health or social care provider
- Yes - as a health or social care administrator or regulator
- Yes - in research
- Yes - Other (please specify)

Q1.3 What is your address?

- Street name _____
 - Village/Town/City _____
 - County _____
 - Postcode (if in Dublin) or Eircode _____
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Q1.4 What is your gender? Please write in the space below.

- _____
 - I would prefer not to say
-

Q1.5 What age are you? Please tick below.

- 14 or under
 - 15 to 17
 - 18 to 24
 - 25 to 34
 - 35 to 44
 - 45 to 54
 - 55 to 64
 - 65 to 74
 - 75 to 84
 - 85 or older
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Q1.6 Do you currently live in the Republic of Ireland? Please tick below.

Yes

No

Q1.7 How would you describe the area where you live? Please tick below.

Rural (open countryside or village)

Town (1500+ population)

City (inner city, suburbs)

Q1.8 Do you currently hold a medical card? Please tick below.

Yes - a full medical card

Yes - a GP visit card

No

Please fill in this section if you are making a submission on behalf of an organisation.

Q1.1 What is the name of your organisation?

Q1.2 Please tick the category that best describes your organisation:

- Union/Staff Representative Body
- Regulatory Body
- Public Interest Group
- Advocacy Body
- Volunteer/ Not For Profit
- Representative Body
- Patient Interest Group
- Academic Institution
- Hospital
- Hospital Group
- Community Healthcare Organisation
- Community Healthcare Network
- Other (please specify)

Q1.3 What is the address of your organisation?

- Number _____
 - Street _____
 - Village/Town/City _____
 - County _____
 - Postcode (if in Dublin) or Eircode _____
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Q1.4 What is your name and job title?

- First name _____
 - Last name _____
 - Job title _____
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Section 2 – Implementing the recommendation of the Joint Committee

The Joint Committee recommended:

“The introduction of a scheme for the provision of the most effective method of contraception, free of charge and having regard to personal circumstances, to all people who wish to avail of them within the State.”

Q2 There are many important factors that will inform the development of a scheme to increase access to contraception.

Please number the below factors from 1 to 6 by how important you think they are, 1 being the most important.

- _____ Meeting different preferences
 - _____ Meeting different needs
 - _____ How effective each method of contraception is
 - _____ The cost to individuals
 - _____ The cost to the State
 - _____ Ensuring equal access to all
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Q3 Are there any other factors you think are important?

Q4 What do you think might be the benefits of providing the scheme described above?

Please list these benefits in order of importance starting with the most important.

- Benefit 1 _____
 - Benefit 2 _____
 - Benefit 3 _____
 - Benefit 4 _____
 - Benefit 5 _____
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Q5 What do you think might be the challenges of providing the scheme described above?

Please list these challenges in order of importance starting with the most important.

- Challenge 1 _____
 - Challenge 2 _____
 - Challenge 3 _____
 - Challenge 4 _____
 - Challenge 5 _____
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Paying for contraception

Q6 For **barrier methods of contraception**, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following payment options? Please tick below.

Note: Barrier methods include: male condoms, female condoms, diaphragms, and caps.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
<p>The current situation: individuals pay for all barrier methods themselves (except condoms provided free through the National Condom Distribution Service - NCDS)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Move to free-of-charge: All barrier methods should be free-of-charge to all residents of Ireland</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Move to co-payment: All barrier methods should be co-paid, that is partly paid by the government and partly by the individual (except where provided free through the NCDS)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q7 For **short acting hormonal methods of contraception**, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following payment options? Please tick below.

Note: Short acting hormonal methods include: combined oral contraceptive pill, progestogen-only pill, vaginal ring and contraceptive patch.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
<p>The current situation: individuals pay for all short acting hormonal methods themselves (except for those with special rights under a medical card or GP visit card)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Move to free-of-charge: all short acting hormonal methods should be free-of-charge to all residents of Ireland (that is, no GP or product cost would arise)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Move to co-payment: all short acting hormonal methods should be co-paid, that is, partly paid by the government and partly by the individual (except for those with special rights under a medical card or GP visit card)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q8 For **long acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) methods** of contraception, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the following payment options? Please tick below.

Note: Long acting reversible contraceptives include: intra-uterine system (IUS), intra-uterine device (IUD), the contraceptive injection, and the contraceptive implant.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
<p>The current situation: individuals pay for all LARC methods themselves (except for those with special rights under a medical card or GP visit card)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Move to free-of-charge: all LARC methods should be free-of-charge to all residents of Ireland (that is, no GP or product cost would arise)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<p>Move to co-payment: all LARC methods should be co-paid, that is, partly paid by the government and partly by the individual (except for those with special rights under a medical card or GP visit card)</p>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q11 Please state to what extent you agree or disagree with the statement (please tick below).

Statement: Increased access to condoms is needed in Ireland.

- Strongly disagree
- Somewhat disagree
- Neither agree nor disagree
- Somewhat agree
- Strongly agree

Q12 Please provide further details on increasing access to condoms.

Ensuring patient safety and high quality care

The next three questions are about who should be responsible for ensuring patient safety and a high quality of care in relation to contraception. For example, a doctor, a nurse or a pharmacist may be responsible, in different circumstances.

Q13 Please state to what extent you are in favour of or against the different options for accessing short-acting hormonal contraception (contraceptive pills, vaginal ring and contraceptive patch) through the health service.

	Strongly against	Somewhat against	Neutral	Somewhat in favour	Strongly in favour
A GP prescribes contraception and a pharmacist fills the prescription	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A trained nurse prescribes contraception and a pharmacist fills the prescription	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A GP prescribes contraception the first time and a pharmacist completes reviews and fills additional prescriptions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
A pharmacist provides contraception directly (without a prescription)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Using an online GP service to get a prescription and a pharmacist fills the prescription	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q14 To what extent do you agree or disagree that more doctors and nurses should be trained to provide long acting reversible methods of contraception (LARC) (IUS, IUD, injection and implant). Please tick below.

Note: LARC methods have to be either inserted or injected, depending on the method.

- Strongly disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Strongly agree
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Q15 To what extent do you agree or disagree that pharmacists should be trained to provide injectable forms of long acting reversible contraception (LARC) in addition to doctors or nurses. Please tick below.

- Strongly disagree
 - Somewhat disagree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Somewhat agree
 - Strongly agree
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