

An Roinn Sláinte Department of Health

## Citizens' Assembly on Drug Use

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# Health-led approaches: a strategic perspective

## Towards the next national drugs strategy



Reducing Harm, Supporting Recovery National Drugs Strategy 2017-2025

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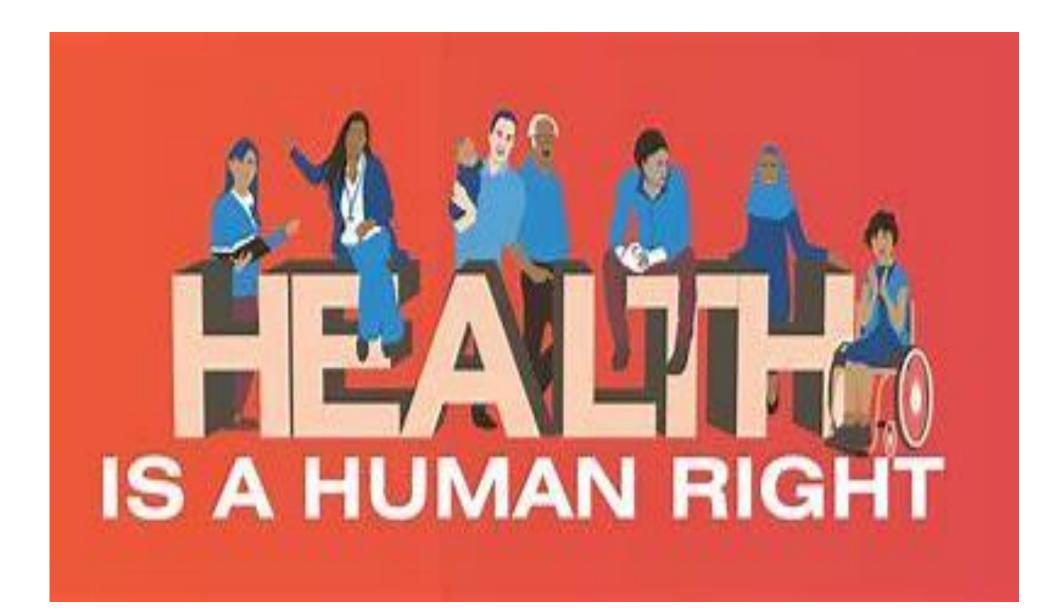
## Sláintecare. Right Care. Right Place. Right Time.



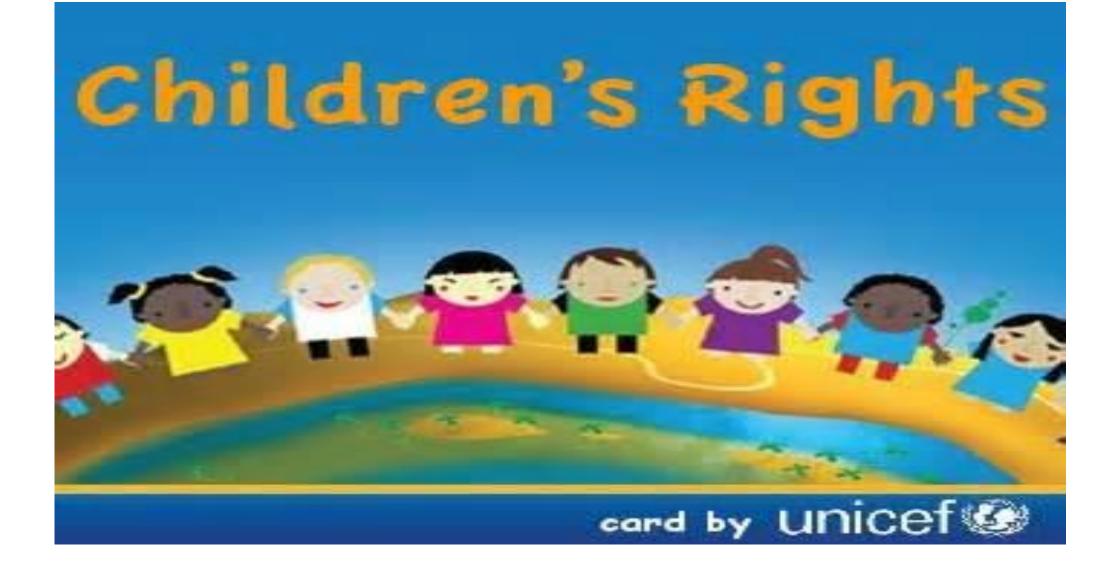
Adopt a rights-based approach

## the right to the highest attainable standard of health

the right of people who use drugs to receive person-centred care & to be involved in the development of their care plan



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To protect children from the illicit use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances & to prevent the use of children in the illicit production and trafficking of such substances

**Person-centred care** 

## Involve people with lived experience



Involve PWLE in the early planning stages Value their perspectives, stakeholders can learn from their experiences Give them important roles like a peer-support worker, or peer ombudsman Integrate and engage PWLE and their clinical co-workers with training Provide honorariums & paid full-time positions





#### **Drug prevention**

## Stem the flow



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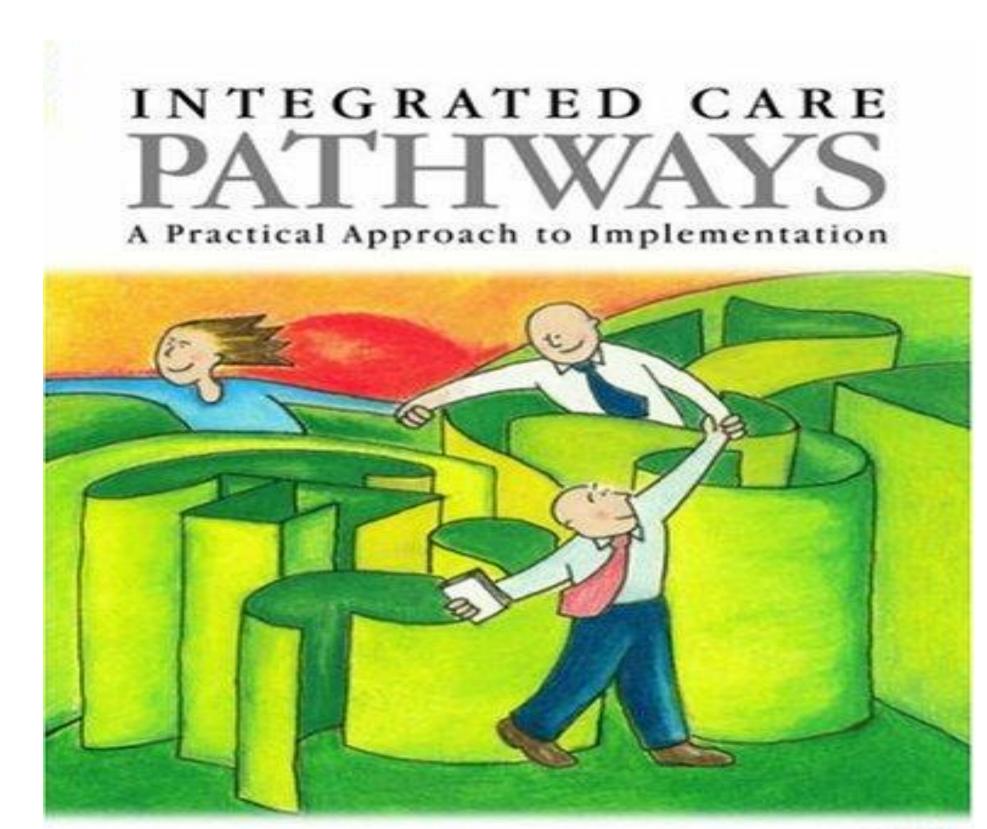
### European Prevention Curriculum

A handbook for decision-makers, opinion-makers and policy-makers in science-based prevention of substance use



**Service planning & delivery** 

## Align drug services with Sláintecare



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Implement a gender perspective

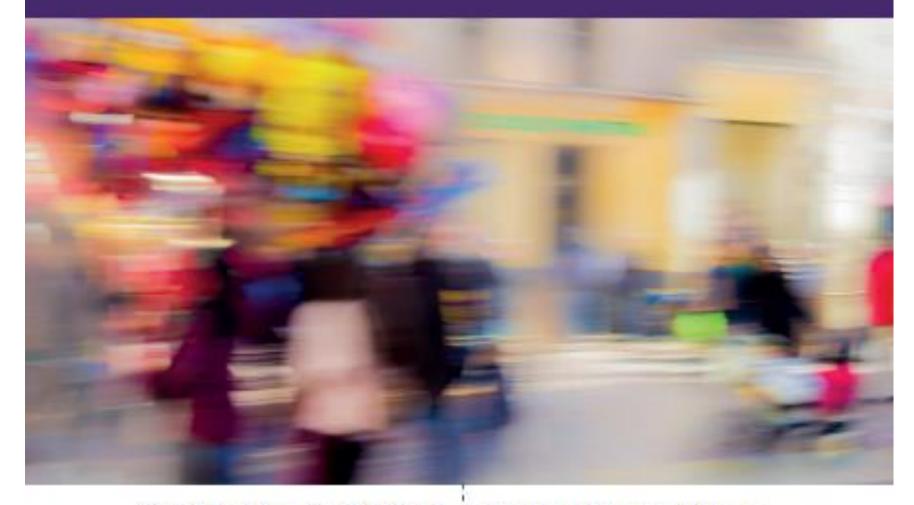
### **Tailored services for women**

Rethinking how we support marginalised women to connect into health supports in settings that are comfortable and convenient.



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### **IMPLEMENTING A GENDER APPROACH IN DRUG POLICIES:** PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE



Carine Mutatayi, Sarah Morton, Nadia Robles Soto, Kristín I. Pálsdóttir and Cristiana Vale Pires A handbook for practitioners and decision makers



### Alternative approach to possession of drugs

# Commence the health diversion programme







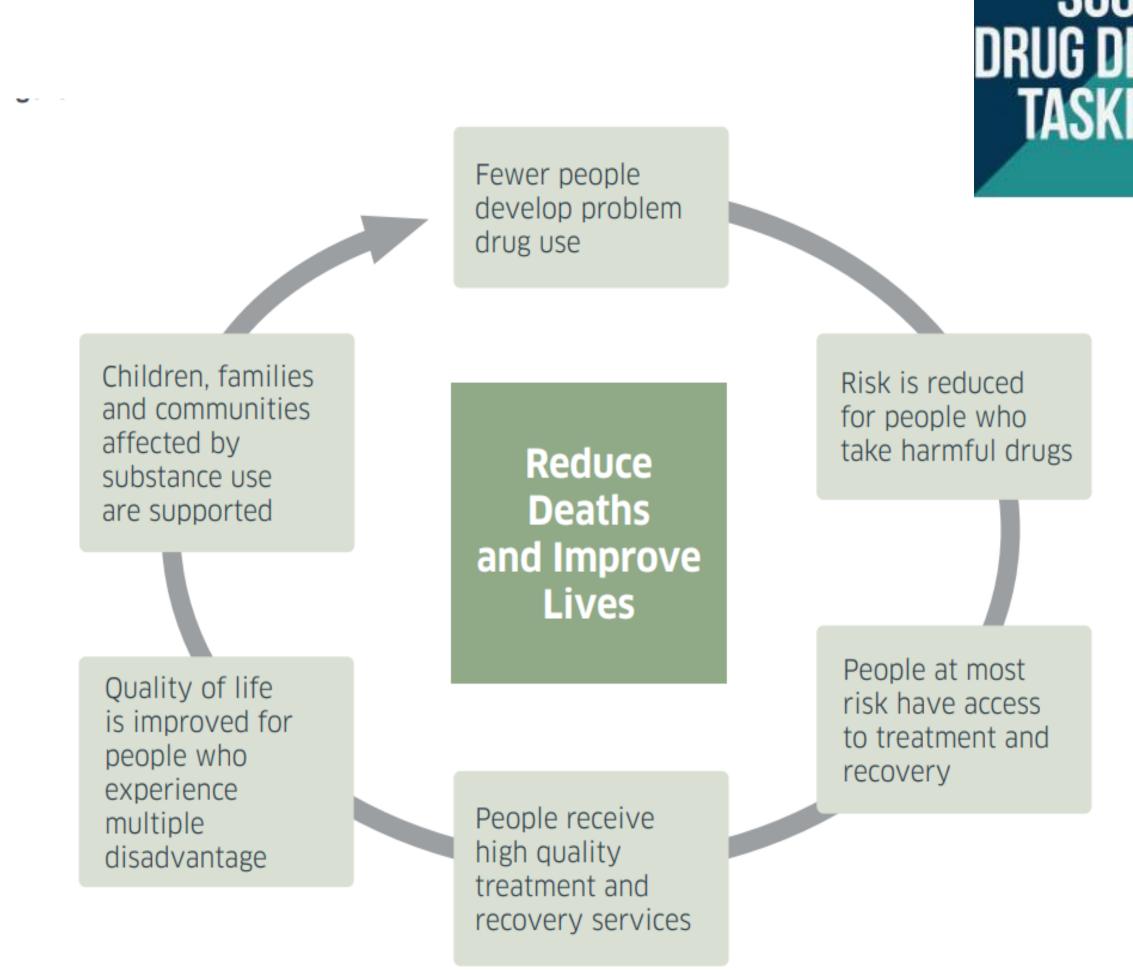
# Target a reduction in drug-related deaths



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**RAPID COMMUNICATION** 

Drug-related deaths and mortality in Europe





**Support recovery** 

## Make recovery the goal



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### Human capital

inc. health & wellbeing

Social capital

inc. family & community

Drug and alcohol use

Cultural capital

inc. identity, culture and values inc. housing, wealth, crime, employment

Physical & economic capital



**Strategic planning** 

## Enable change

