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## Citizens' Assembly on Drug Use

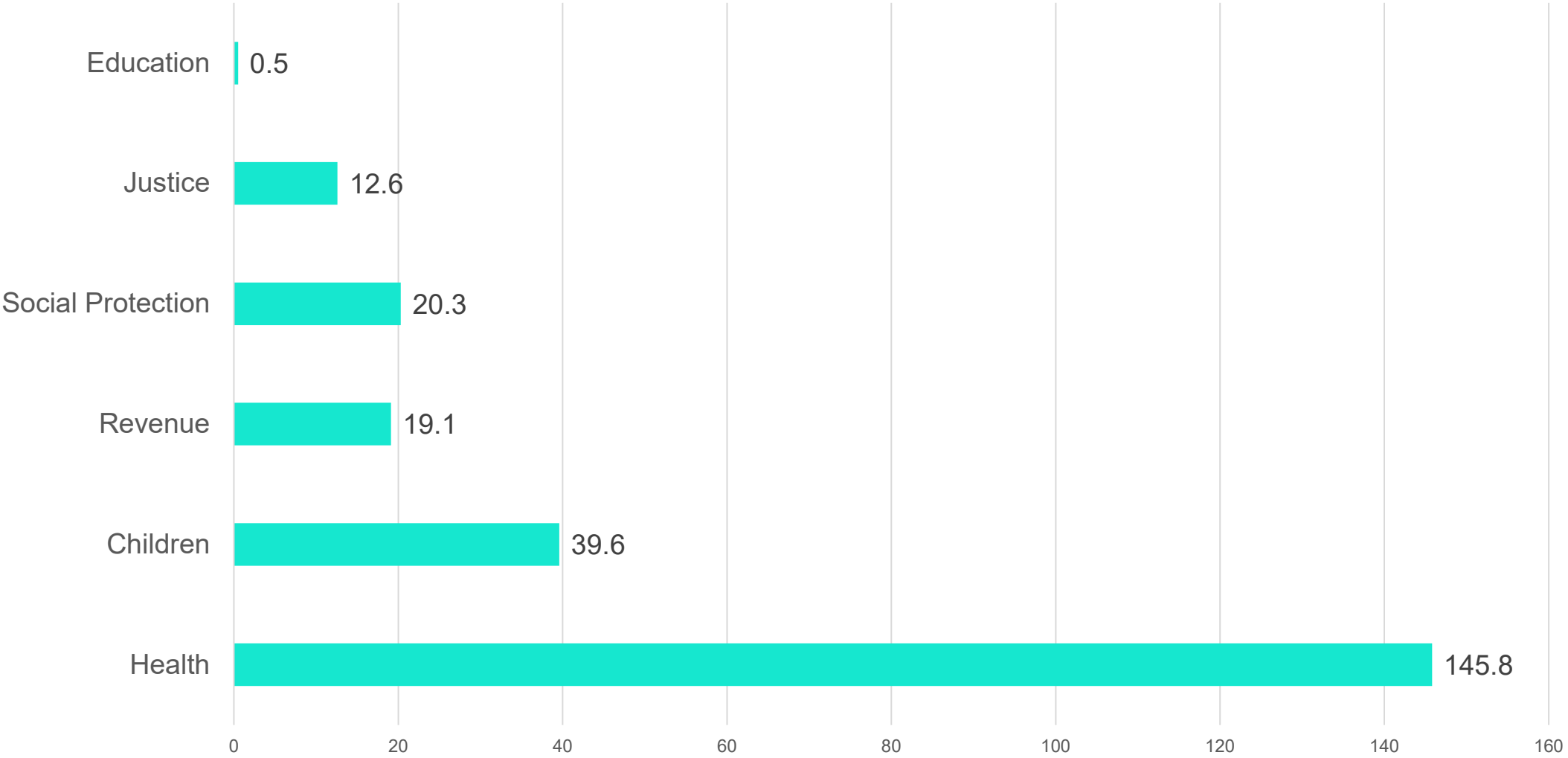
# ***Enabling change - funding & governance of the national drugs strategy***

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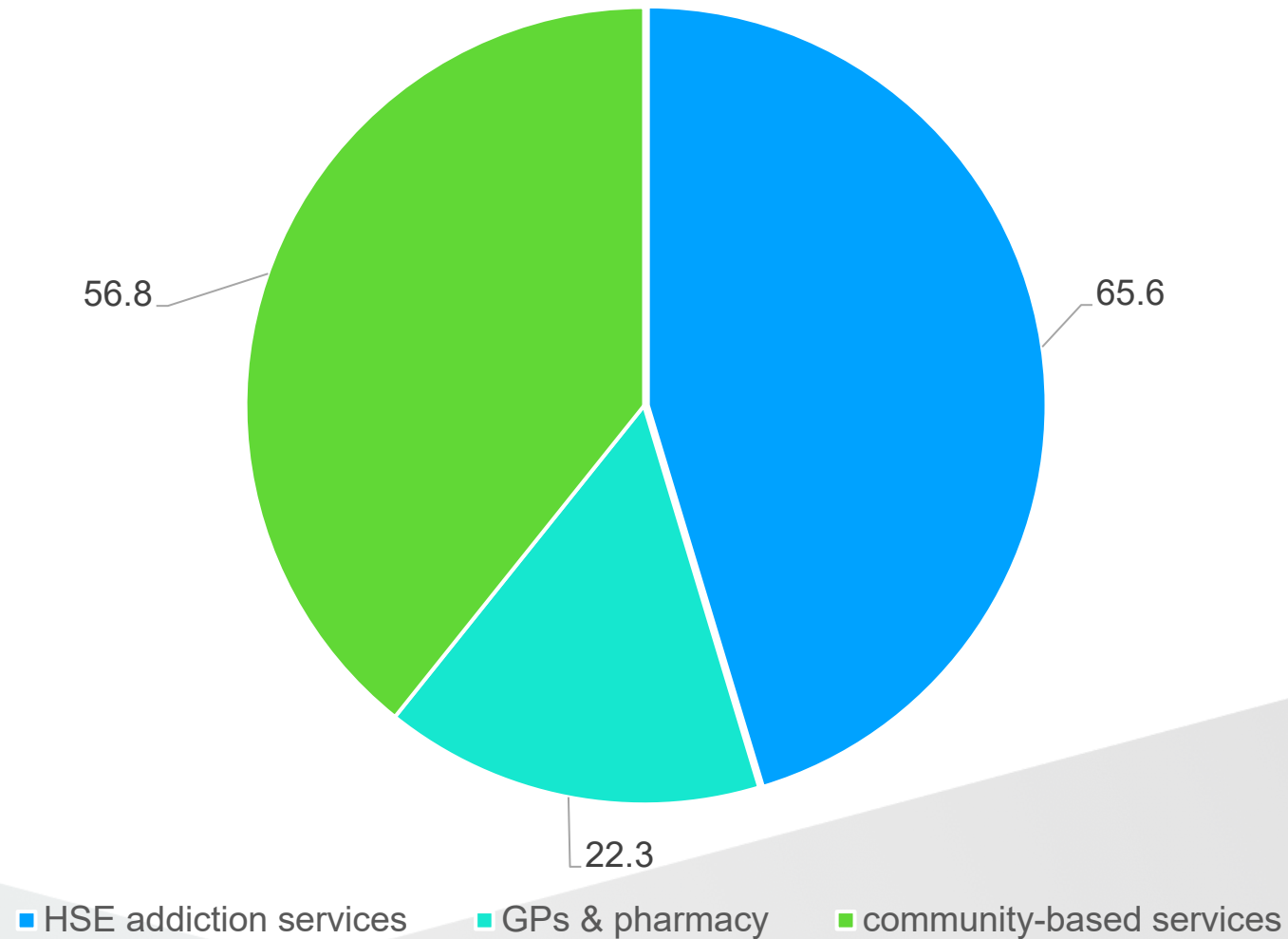
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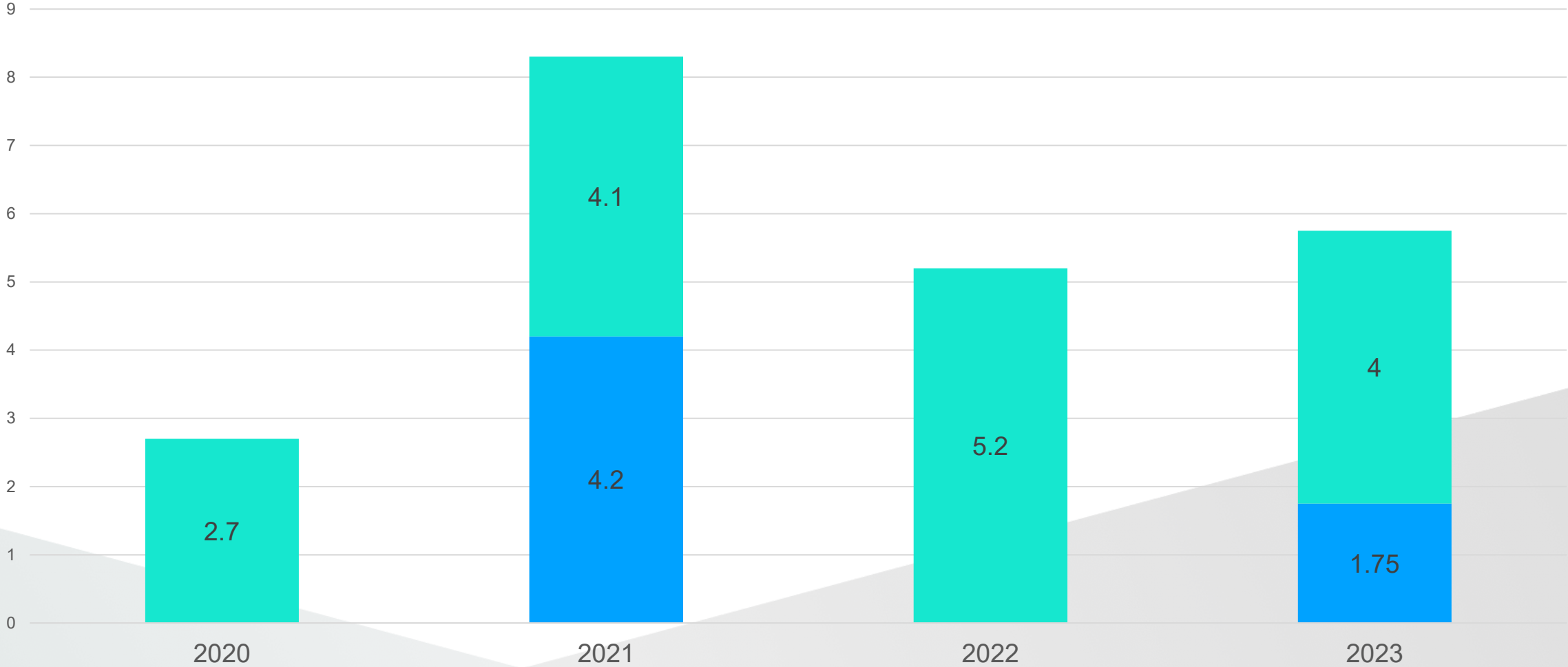
# Labelled drug-related public expenditure, 2021 (€238m)



# Health expenditure on drug services, 2021 (€146m)



# Additional allocation for drug services in Budgets 2020-2023 (€m)

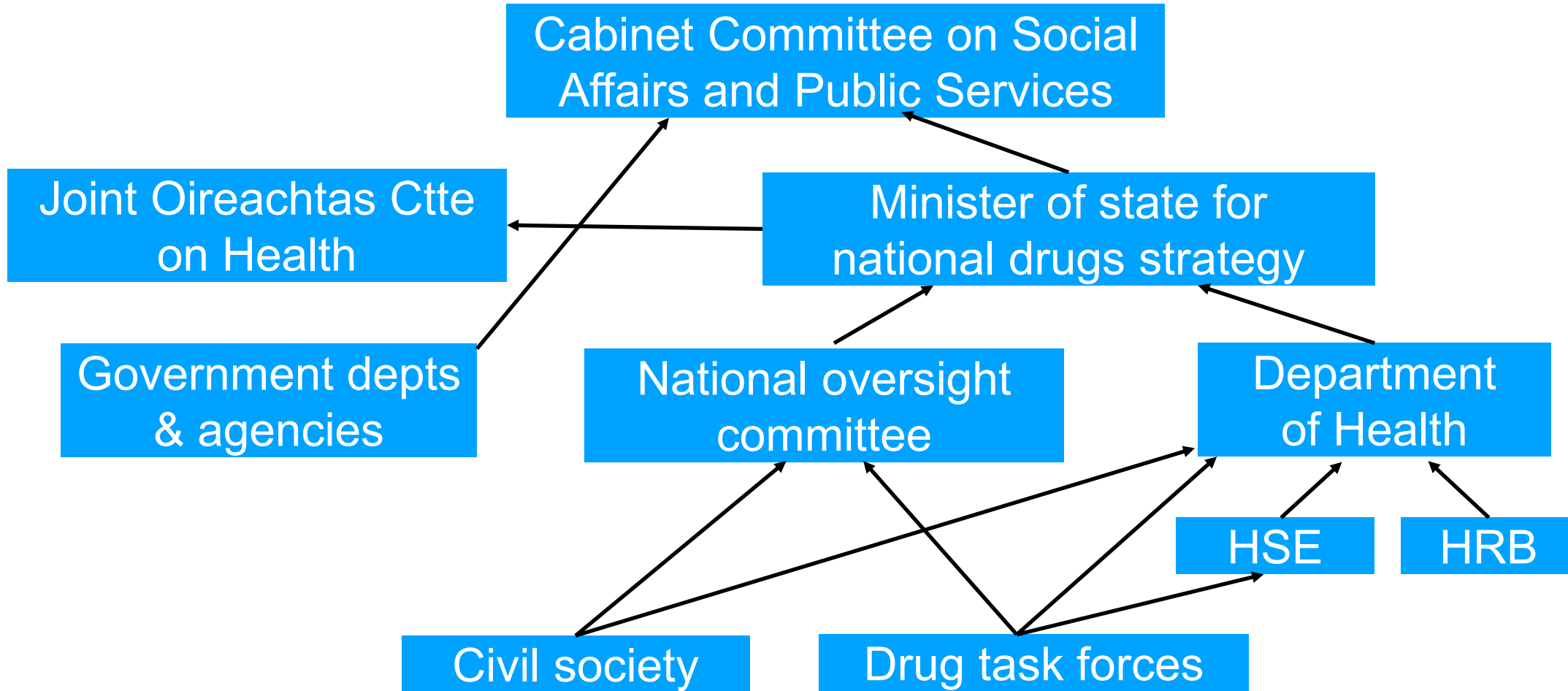


# Funding & planning issues



- link between drug treatment demand & funding
- evidence-based practice
- resource allocation model (place vs population)
- variable allocation for new developments
- integration of drug services with community care
- pay element not included in funding for community-based services

# Governance of national drugs strategy



# National oversight committee



*Minister of State for NDS*

Depts of Health, Education, Social Protection, Justice, Housing, Children, AGS, HSE, HRB (10)

Independent chairs (6)

Civil society & Drug TFs (6)

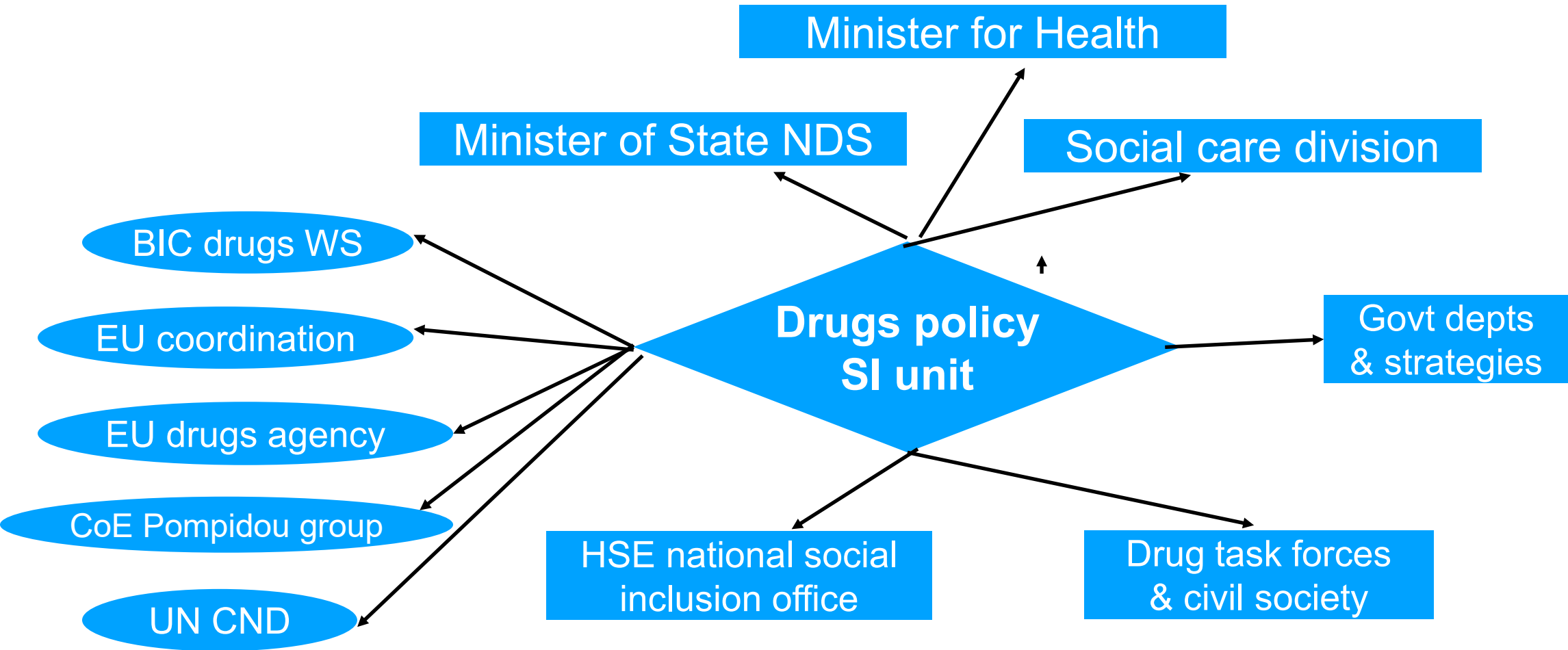
Experts (3)

Research ctte

Strategic priority implementation groups (6)

Early warning ctte

# Drugs policy (& social inclusion) unit, Dept of Health





# NDS strategic action plan 2023-2024

- 6 strategic priorities
- 34 actions
- €100,000 technical fund
- Quarterly reporting on progress by SIGs

*The Citizens' Assembly on Drug Use will report to the Oireachtas in 2024, as this strategic action plan comes to an end. The recommendations of the Citizens' Assembly will provide the building blocks for the next national drugs strategy and strategic action plan in 2025.*



# Audit of drug services



- Analyse the demand for drug services using a population-based approach
- Identify gaps and challenges in existing drug service provision
- Inform the planning, funding and delivery of drug services in the new health regions




# Governance of drug services



## clinical

- *National standards for safer better healthcare (HIQA)*
- 4 tier model of treatment interventions
- national clinical lead for HSE addiction services

## operational

- 9 CHOs  6 health regions (Slaintecare)
- 24 drug task forces
- circa 280 community-based projects
  
- staff qualifications and training
- up to 19,000 service users

