

## Ballot Paper 7 Prevention

For each statement below, please place an **X** mark in the box that represents your preferred answer, or leave blank if you do not wish to answer.

### 7.1 Strategic Prevention

<b>Strategic approach to prevention</b> The next iteration of the National Drugs Strategy should include a detailed action plan to enhance Ireland's approach to prevention of drugs use, with a focus on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention. The plan should include quantifiable, evidence-based, measurable targets and objectives, with responsibility for implementation assigned to departments, agencies and others, as appropriate.	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know

### 7.2 Resilience and Prevention Capital

<b>Building resilience and prevention capital</b> The Citizens' Assembly notes the importance of providing mental health and wellbeing supports for people dealing with trauma and adverse childhood experiences.  The State must prioritise and invest in mental health, wellbeing and therapeutic services, particularly for children and young people, both in community-based services and the acute hospital system.	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know

### 7.3 School-based prevention

<b>School-based prevention</b> <b>The departments of Health and Education, in conjunction with the HSE should work to ensure that school-based prevention programmes are prioritised and resourced under the next National Drugs Strategy.</b> Issues to be prioritised include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Making the senior-cycle SPHE curriculum, including the 'Know the Score' module on drugs, mandatory for all second-level schools;</li> <li>- Ensuring the revised junior-cycle SPHE programme includes an age-appropriate equivalent of the 'Know the Score' module on drugs</li> <li>- Ensuring the primary-level SPHE programme covers resilience, empathy and emotional regulation</li> <li>- Developing a programme to equip parents to support their children in relation to drug prevention.</li> <li>- Ensuring appropriate training and other supports for teachers.</li> </ul>	Agree	Disagree	Don't Know

#### 7.4 National public health communications strategy

<b>A national public health communications strategy</b> The Department of Health, in conjunction with key stakeholders, should roll out a national public health communications strategy to raise public awareness of the risks associated with drugs use, to promote key entry points to drugs services, to emphasise the public policy shift to a health-led approach and to reduce the shame and stigma associated with drugs use. This should be supported by an easily-accessible ‘single point of entry’ for both members of the public and professionals seeking information and services.	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Don’t Know</b>