



HSE Health Protection Conference *Looking out: Ireland's role in global health security*

12th October 2026

The Round Room at the Mansion House, Dublin 2

Time	Programme	Speaker
09:00–09:35	Registration and refreshments Networking, conference showreel and vaccination opportunity <i>Fáilte</i>	
09:35–09:55	Welcome, Housekeeping and Opening Remarks Setting the scene for the conference, including the annual report and introducing new CPHMs in the NHPO.	Dr Éamonn O'Moore, Director of National Health Protection
Session 1: Ireland and Global Health Security Chair: Dr. John Cuddihy, National Director of Public Health, HSE		
09:55–10:00	The HSE's role in global health security	Dr Colm Henry, Chief Clinical Officer, HSE
10:00–10:20	HSE Reflections from PHEPA: what we learned and where we are going next	Dr. Helen O'Brien, CPHM and Dr Jane Salmon, SMO
10:20–10:50	Scientific Presentations Mixture of short and long oral presentations	
10:50–11:25	Coffee break, e-poster tour and vaccination opportunity	
Session 2: Health Security in an Interdependent World Chair: Professor Diarmuid O'Donovan, Director of National Health Improvement		
11:25–11:35	Video address	Dr Pamela Rendi-Wagner, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

11:35–11:45	Cross-border health protection on the island of Ireland Lessons from cooperation across jurisdictions and shared preparedness challenges	Sir Michael McBride, Chief Medical Officer, Northern Ireland
11:45–11:55	Global health security: national priorities and preparedness Including reflections from Ireland’s recent Public Health Emergency Preparedness review	Professor Mary Horgan, Chief Medical Officer, Ireland
11:55–12:30	Panel discussion: No Country Is an Island—Ireland’s Place in Global Health Security Cross-border cooperation, European collaboration, information sharing and lessons from recent international emergencies	CMO Ireland; CMO Northern Ireland; Director of National Health Protection; Dr. Joanne McClean PHA NI; Dr. Anne Sheahan, RDPH SW HSE
12:30–12:35	Group photograph	
12:35–13:30	Networking lunch and vaccination opportunity <i>Conference showreel</i>	
Session 3: Building International Public Health Workforce Capacity Chair: Dr. Éamonn O’Moore, Director National Health Protection, HSE		
13:30–13:50	Keynote address: Building the Workforce Needed for Global Health Security	Dr Chikwe Ihekweazu, Assistant Director-General, World Health Organization
13:50–14:00	Building Resilient Health Systems for Global Health Security	Professor David Weakliam, Global Health Programme, HSE
14:00–14:10	Training the next generation of public health leaders A European perspective on public health education, training and leadership development	Professor Mary Codd, President, Association of Schools of Public Health in the European Region
14:10–15:00	Scientific presentations Short and long oral presentation mix	
15:00–15:30	Plenary discussion: Building Ireland’s Future Contribution to Global Health Security Workforce needs, Ireland’s international contribution, attracting and retaining expertise	Professor David Weakliam; Professor Mary Codd; CMO Ireland

15:30–15:45	Conference closing session Prize-giving and closing remarks: • NHPO Prize for Best Oral Presentation • NHPO Prize for Best Poster Presentation • NHPO Inaugural Adele McKenna Memorial Prize for Applied Epidemiology <i>Slán Abhaile</i>	Dr Éamonn O'Moore, Director of National Health Protection
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