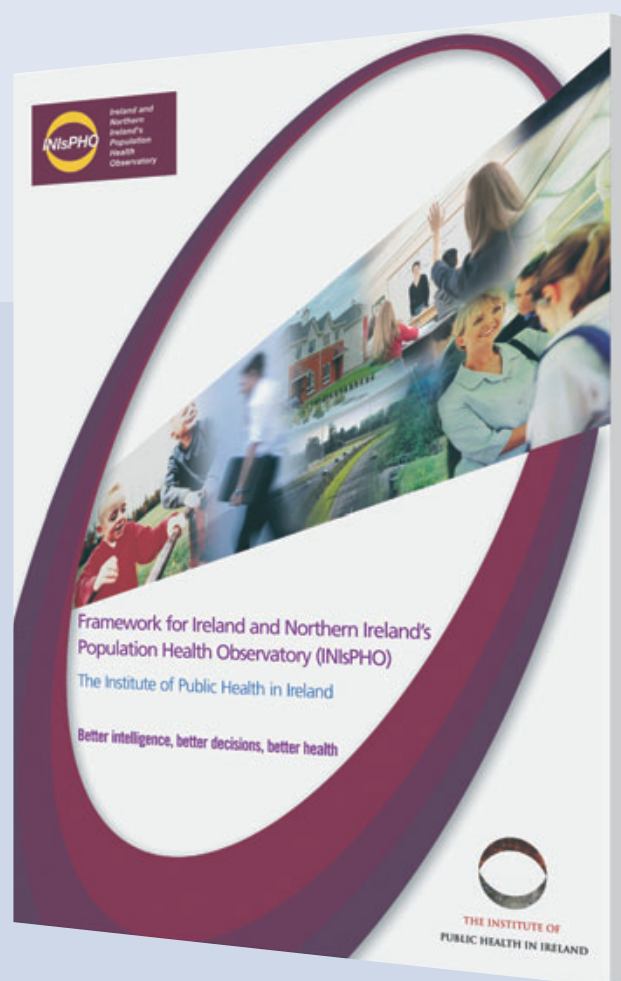


IRELAND AND NORTHERN IRELAND'S POPULATION HEALTH OBSERVATORY (INisPHO)

Ireland and Northern Ireland's Population Health Observatory was established in 2005 within the Institute of Public Health in Ireland. It was developed with support from, amongst others, the Health Research Board. Its framework document was published in 2005.



Aim

The Observatory aims to support those working to improve health and reduce health inequalities by:

- Producing and disseminating health intelligence, and
- Strengthening the research and information infrastructure on the island of Ireland

Institute of Public Health in Ireland

Housing the observatory within the Institute helps it take advantage of a number of opportunities;

- The Institute is an all-Ireland body with considerable experience promoting North/South cooperation in public health
- It has a strong focus on improving health and reducing health inequalities
- Its remit is to build public health capacity including health monitoring and surveillance on the island
- It has considerable expertise in developing and supporting partnership working
- It plays a key role in a number of important health related initiatives including the development of Health Impact Assessment and support for the anti-poverty strategies in the two jurisdictions
- Its core funding is provided by the two departments of health which have a strong role in the Institute's Management Board.

Its Partners

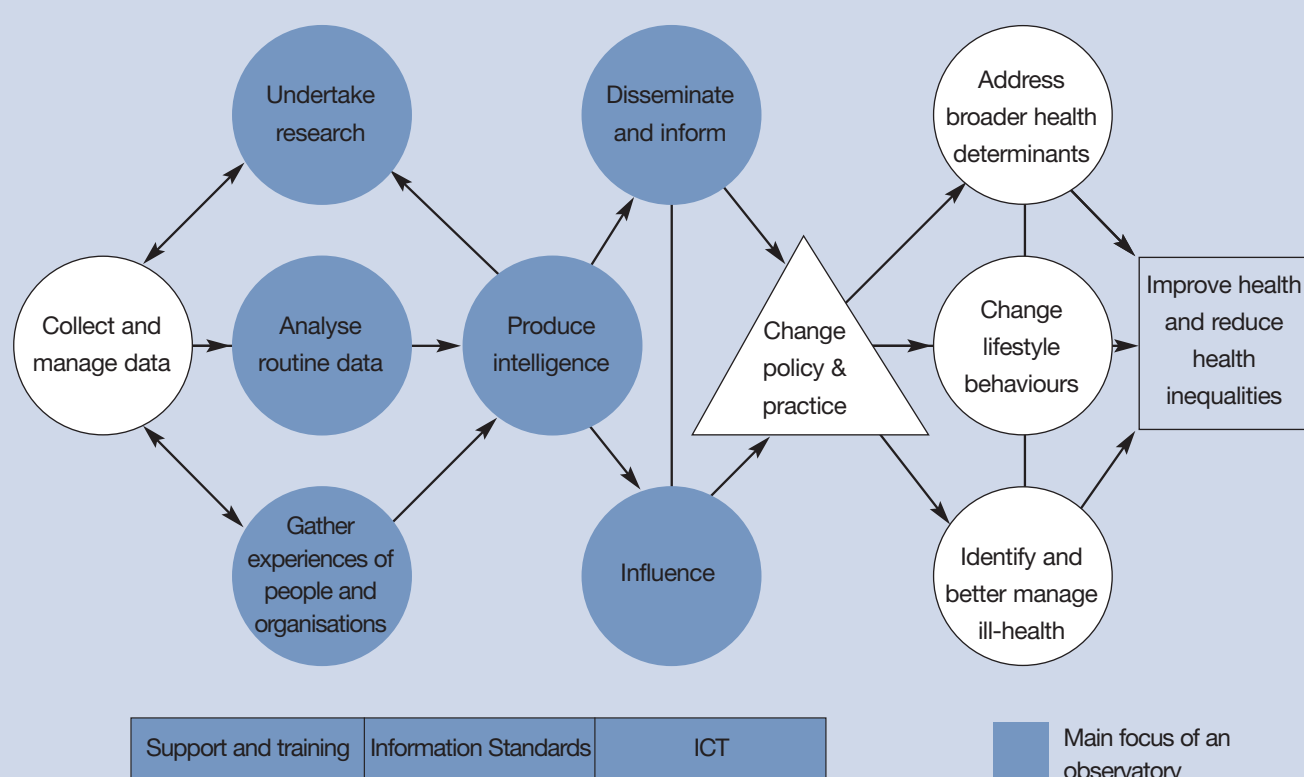
The Observatory works closely with its partners – those involved in the production and dissemination of health intelligence – as well as others who use this intelligence in their efforts to improve health and reduce inequalities.

The observatory supports its partners by:

- More widely disseminating and promoting their outputs
- Linking their outputs to other population health work
- Supporting secondary analyses of data
- Promoting them in other ways such as providing opportunities to showcase their work
- Supporting professional meetings and other opportunities for knowledge sharing and collaborative work.

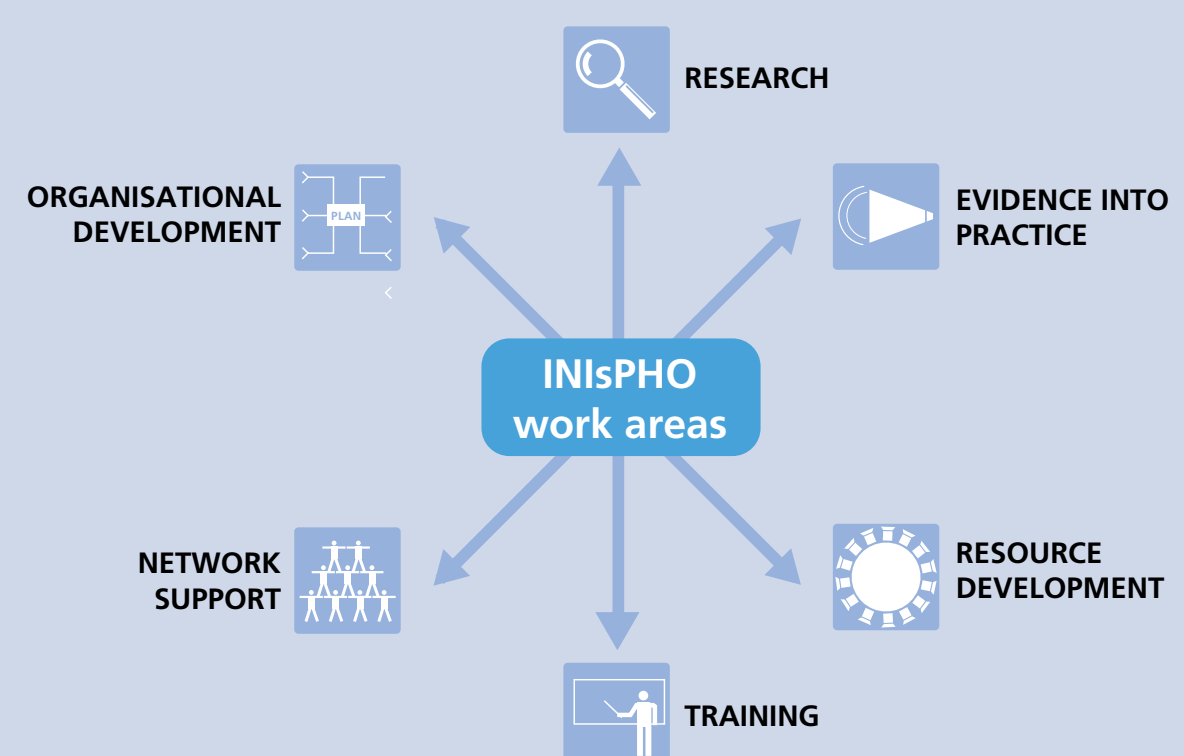
A clear line of vision

The diagram below outlines the Observatory's focus within the production of health intelligence and its translation into evidence based policy and practice. This line of vision outlines how the Observatory works to improve health and reduce inequalities.



Work Areas

The Observatory's projects and activities are grouped under a number of working areas.



Governance

The Observatory's broad-based Advisory Group, chaired by Dr. Paula Kilbane, is accountable to the Management Board of the Institute of Public Health.

More details about the Observatory and its work can be found on its web site: www.inispho.org