

Public health networks allow people to communicate and network across geographical and organisational boundaries. They help facilitate information sharing and linking of persons with common interests and skills to help deliver the public health function.

The Health Analysts' Special Interest Group (HASIG)

The Health Analysts' Special Interest Group (HASIG) was formed to support the health analysts' community by providing opportunities to meet colleagues, share practical tools and advice, and support professional development. HASIG links to the All-Ireland CHAIN (Contact, Help, Advice, and Information Networks) which is co-sponsored by the Institute of Public Health in Ireland (IPH) and the Health Service Executive (HSE).
www.inispho.org/groups/healthanalystsspecialinterestgroup

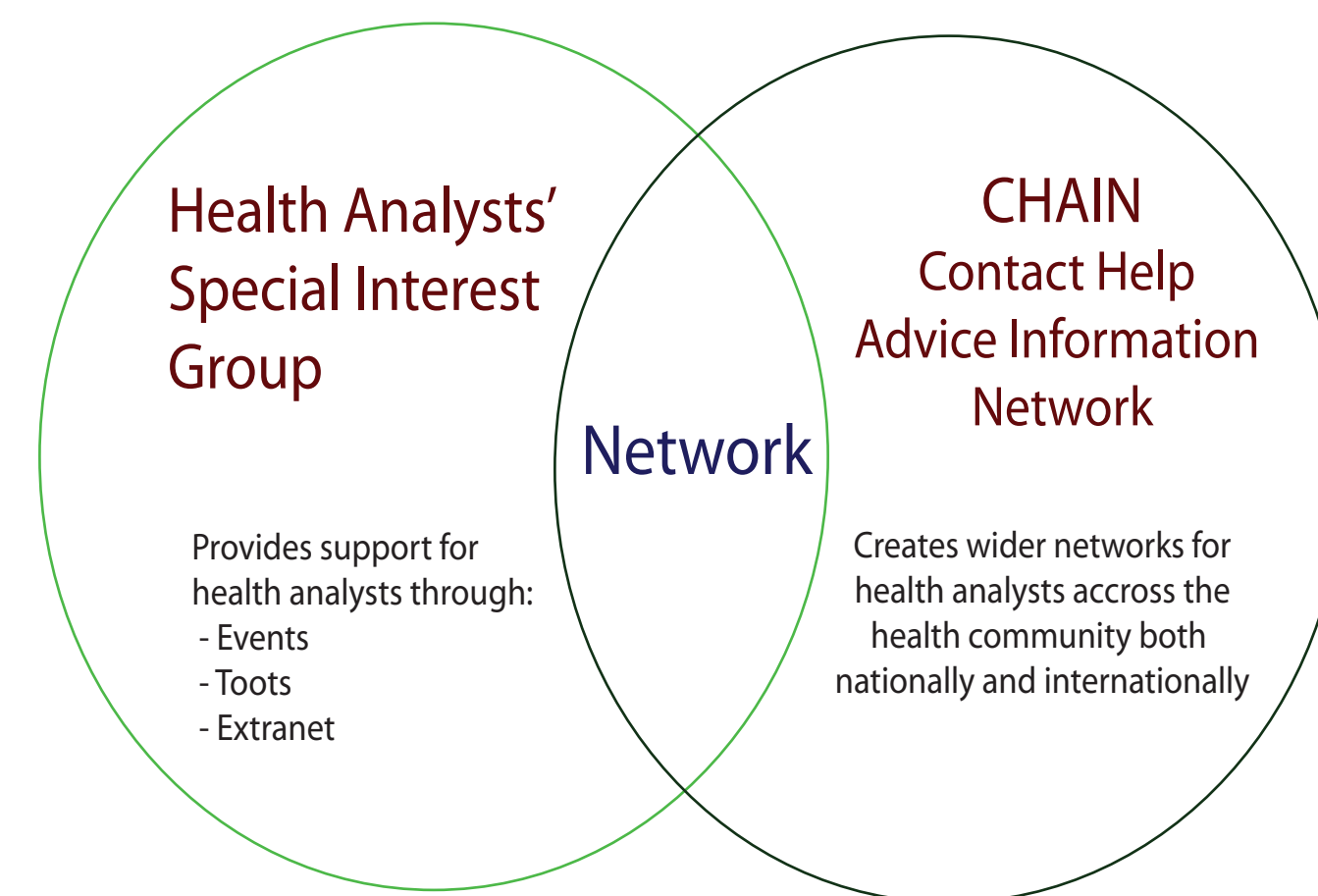
HASIG supports health analysts by:

- Holding events on topics of shared interest
- Promoting the profile of the profession and support its members' development
- Supporting access to online analytical materials & courses
- Providing other day-to-day support and advice.

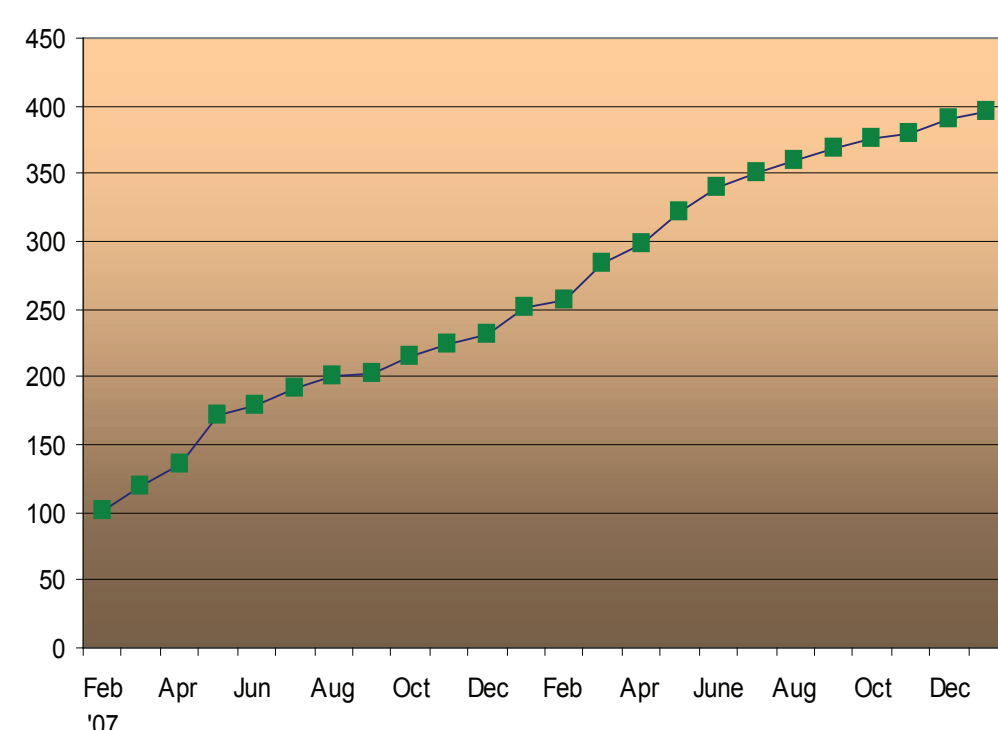
In 2008 a number of seminars were held including a launch event and a seminar about Population Projections.

In 2009, the following seminars are taking place:

- Examining various aspects of area level data
- Population health models
- Calculating life expectancy below national level.



Contact Help Advice Information Network (CHAIN)



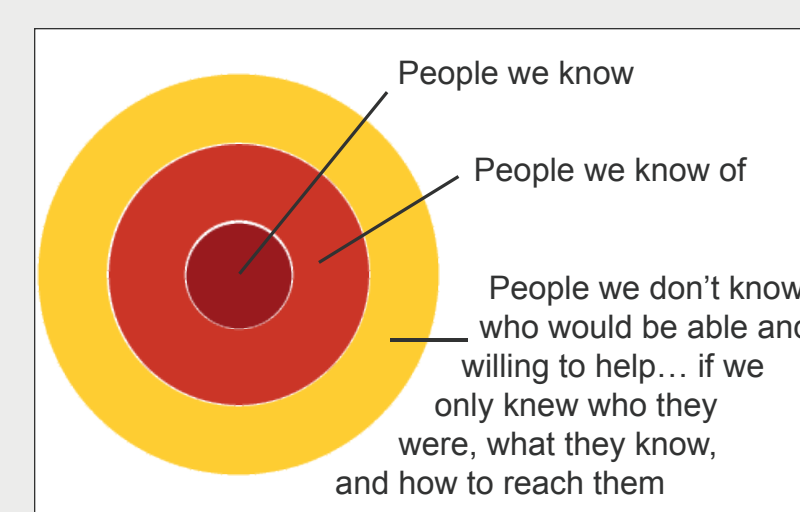
Increase in All-Ireland CHAIN membership since Feb 07

CHAIN (Contact, Help, Advice and Information Network) is an online network for people working in health and social care. CHAIN facilitates the sharing of knowledge and experience relevant to health care research and evidence based practice. CHAIN is both multi-professional and cross organisational and is based around specific areas of interest giving people a simple and informal way of contacting each other to exchange ideas and share knowledge. Joining CHAIN is free. The only criteria for joining is an interest in the subject and being willing to share information and experience.

<http://chain.ulcc.ac.uk/chain/>

Usually individuals' support networks include other colleagues in the red circle, perhaps extending to other professionals in the orange zone.

CHAIN makes people in the red and orange zone even more accessible and, critically enables members to tap into the wealth of knowledge and experience which lies in the yellow area.



Injury Observatory Britain and Ireland (IOBI)

The Injury Observatory for Britain and Ireland (IOBI) is a "virtual" thematic observatory specific to injury information. IOBI is an international collaborative venture representing public health observatories from Wales, Scotland, Ireland, and regions of England. It is managed by a steering group of public health professionals committed to injury prevention. Three newsletters are produced on an annual basis.

The purpose of IOBI is to support injury prevention practitioners by making important and relevant information and tools available including:

- Analyses of trend in injury deaths, hospital admissions and injury occurrence across countries and regions
- Policy support for prevention
- Evidence base for prevention
- Access to practical prevention tools
- Latest injury prevention news
- Information on conferences and events.



www.injuryobservatory.net