

*Tackling Health Inequalities – An All-Ireland Approach to Social Determinants* identifies how social, economic and environmental conditions play a major role in determining health in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

The report gives an understanding of the complex relationship between health and the conditions in which people live. Through understanding the impact of these conditions on health, we can devise policies that tackle the structural causes of ill-health and health inequalities.

The report is divided into three parts. Firstly it begins by defining the social determinants of health and health inequalities and describes how they are connected. It then addresses what is known about the extent and nature of health inequalities on the island of Ireland. Within this it outlines the policy context for addressing health inequalities through a social determinants approach. It highlights opportunities and challenges that currently exist. Finally, it outlines some key determinants of health and suggests areas where policy can contribute to tackling health inequalities and creating a fairer society in Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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