

## HSE CEO Appoints New Regional Executive Officers to Lead HSE Health Regions



## REOs will lead and deliver health and social care in their areas, starting from March 1

The HSE CEO announced details of the appointment of Regional Executive Officers for the 6 new HSE Health Regions. As part of implementing Sláintecare, the HSE is organising service delivery into six health regions from March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024.

Each REO will be the accountable officer at Health Region level, responsible for the delivery of high-quality, safe, and accessible services for the population of their region. REOs will report directly to the HSE CEO on the operation and management of the Health Regions. They will form part of the core HSE Senior Leadership Team, providing regional input into the development of national policies and standards.

Following a Public Appointments Service-led process, the HSE CEO is appointing:

- Sara Long as REO, HSE Dublin and North East
- Martina Queally as REO, HSE Dublin and South East
- Kate Killeen White as REO, HSE Dublin and Midlands
- Tony Canavan as REO, HSE West and North West
- Dr Andy Phillips as REO, HSE South West
- Sandra Broderick is in post as REO, HSE Mid West

Speaking to HSE staff today, HSE CEO Bernard Gloster said: "The move to the new regions, and a reformed and repurposed HSE Centre, represents a considerable change to our organisational structures. I am confident we have assembled a strong team of the six most senior officials in the HSE, reporting directly to me. Individually and collectively, they bring a broad range of skills and experience, placing them as the healthcare experts who will lead the next phase of health service delivery in Ireland. I look forward to working with them. Shortly we will announce the details of the new re-organised HSE Centre, designed to support these regional leaders and ensure excellence in our public services.

"I want to emphasise that structural change is not the main goal of this reform. The idea behind reorganising our structures is to ensure that people experience just one health service, providing whatever care they need at the right time and in the right place. When we talk about 'integrated care', this is what we mean.

"I'd like to thank HSE staff around the country for their support and hard work as we transition this year. I look forward to working with each of the new REOs, and the teams they will form over the coming months, to provide a better health service for everyone living in Ireland."

Stephen Donnelly, TD, Minister for Health, welcomed the announcement: "I'm delighted to welcome the six new Regional Executive Officer appointees who will work with the CEO and myself to ensure that this reorganisation of our health and social care services delivers for patients. The HSE Health Regions Implementation Plan has been developed in partnership with health and social care stakeholders and aims to deliver more joined-up care to people when they need it."

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