

The Future of the Irish Health Service

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GOALS OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM

- Keeping people healthy;
- Providing the healthcare people need;
- Delivering high quality services ; and
- Getting best value from health system resources.

The Challenge

- To create fair access, in a timely fashion, for all our citizens...
- ... even as budgets decrease and demographic pressures increase

Increasing Population

- Population in 2011: 4.58 million
– an increase from 4.24 million
in 2006
- Between 2001 and 2010 the
birth rate has increased from
57,854 to 73,724 (16.5 per
1,000)

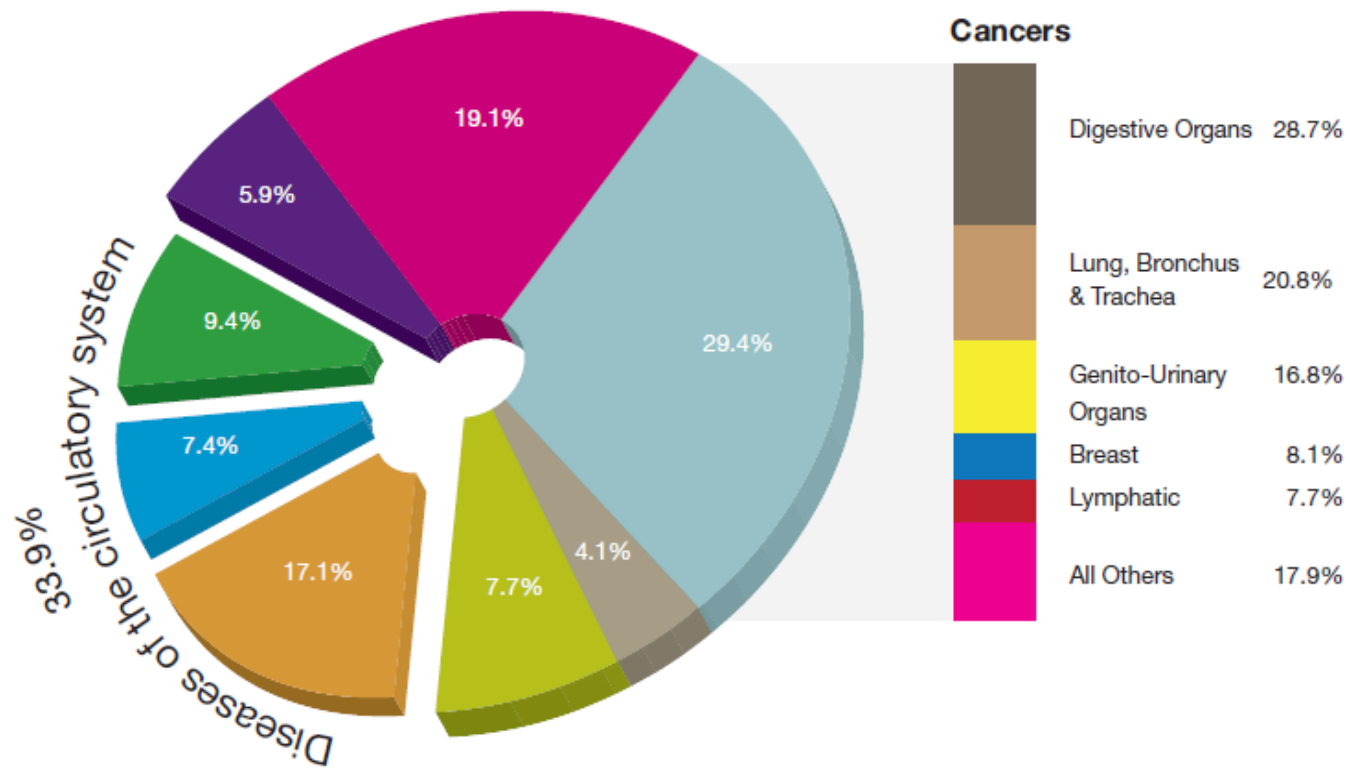
Life Expectancy

- Life expectancy in the 1950's
 - 64.5 for men and 67.1 for women
- Life expectancy in 2005 – 2007
 - 76.8 for men and 81.6 for women

Our Ageing Population

- Each year the total number of people over the age of 65 grows by 20,000
- The population aged over 65 will more than double over the next 30 years
- This will have major implications for health service planning and delivery

FIGURE 2.3
DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES, PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, 2010



Source: Central Statistics Office.

- Injury and Poisoning
- All other causes
- Cancers
- Pneumonia
- Other Respiratory Diseases
- Ischaemic Heart Disease
- Stroke
- Other Circulatory Diseases

Decrease in Health Budget

- 2002 €8.4billion
- 2009 €15.52 billion
- 2010 €14.82 billion
- 2011 €14.08 billion
- 2012 €13.54 billion

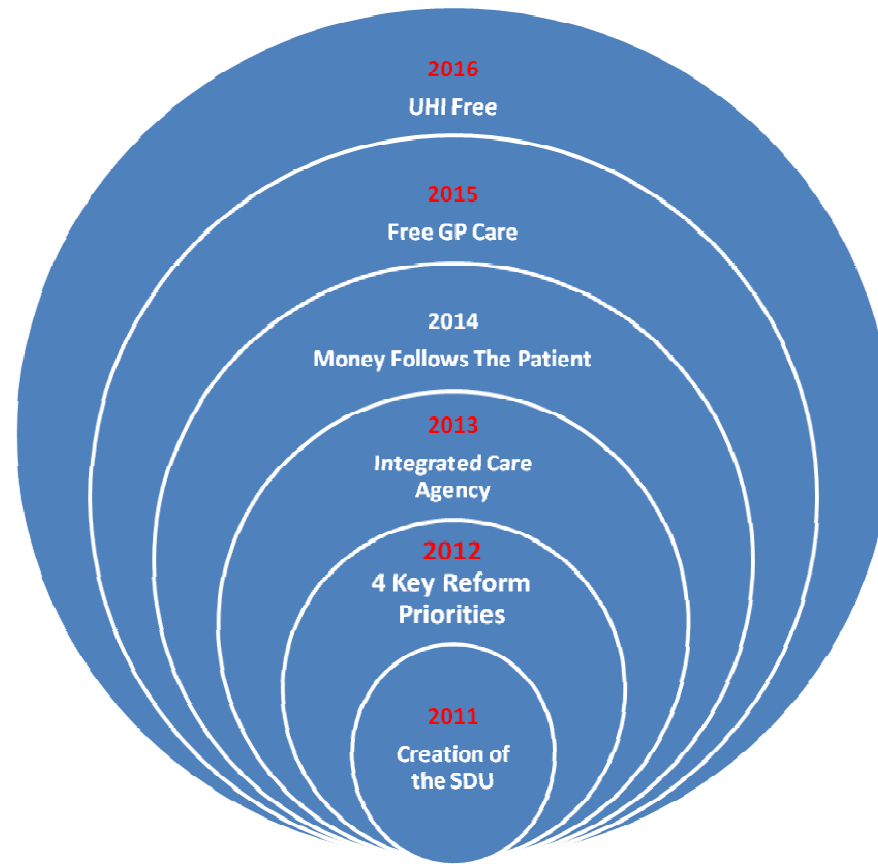
Programme for Government



Change within the Health System

- The Minister's goal is to devolve as much power as possible within the health system
- A shift the focus from:
 - Inputs to Outcomes
 - The Centre to the Local
 - The System to the Patient

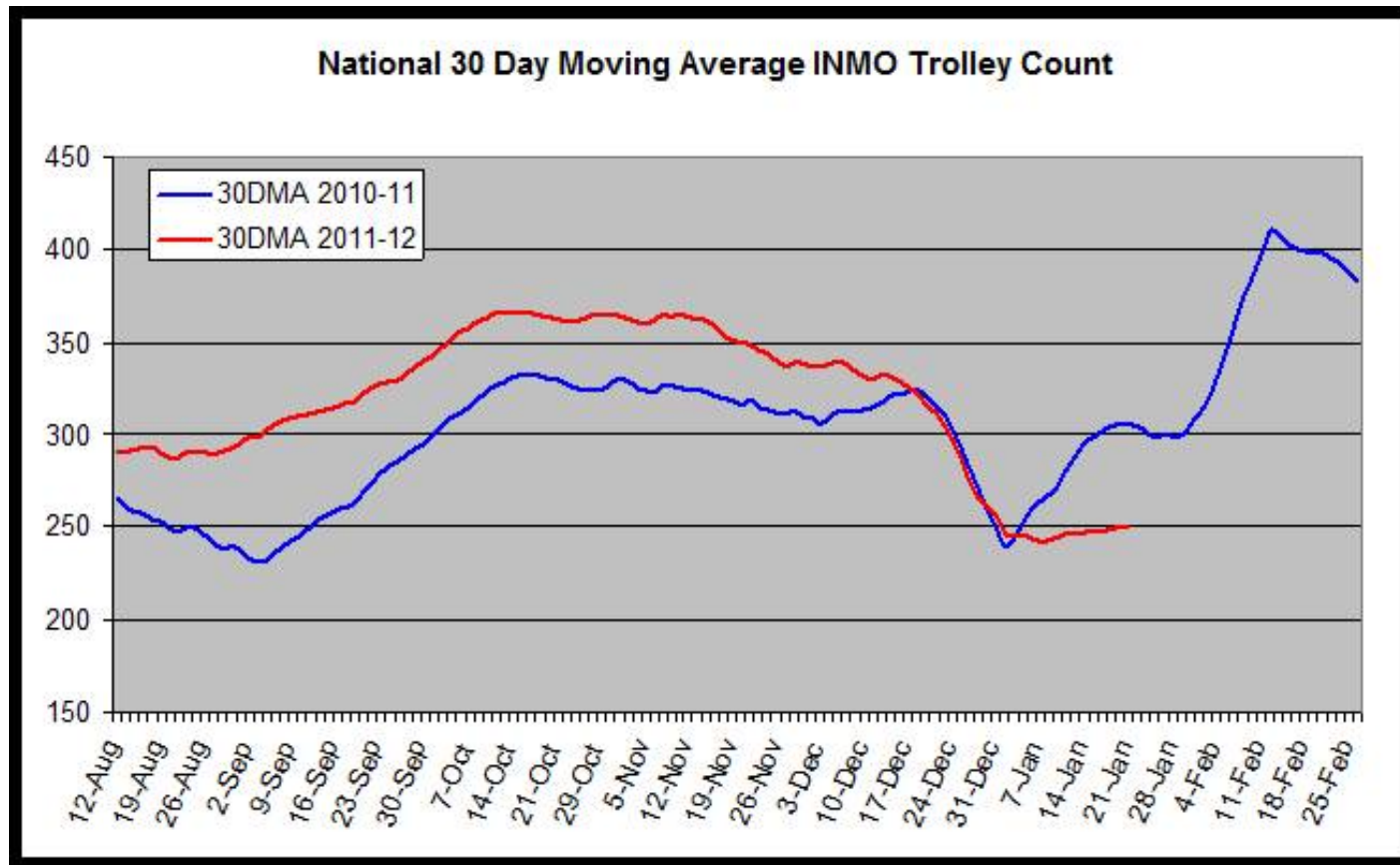
Timeline for Reform



Reform Priorities

- Deliver on Special Delivery Unit's agenda
- Overhaul System of Governance
- Change the Model of Care
- Reform the Health Insurance Model

Special Delivery Unit – Hospital Waiting Times



Targets for 2012

- No one should wait longer than 9 months for elective treatment in hospitals (down from 12)
- No one should be longer than 9 hours in an Emergency Department
 - 95% should be no longer than 6 hours
- By 31 December 2012 or earlier

What about the HSE?

- 7 New Directorates
 - Hospitals, Primary Care, Social Care, Mental Health, Children, Public Health, Shared Services
- Directors will have a crucial job of work
 - To prepare the system for move to the *Integrated Care Agency* in 2013

Change in Structures

- Continue the move to hospital groups across the country
 - This is already happening in the West
- The Clinical Care Programmes will move to the Department of Health
 - To ensure linkage between the SDU and the Clinical Programmes
- The National Cancer Control Programme will come back in with the Clinical Programmes

Model of Primary Care

- First phase of Free GP Care
 - For people who receive medicines under Long Term Illness scheme
- First phase of Chronic Disease management for diabetes
- Cut the cost of medicines
 - For consumers and the State

Social Care

- Mental Health
 - Implement "*Vision for Change*"
 - Shift to Primary Care
- Older People
 - A whole of Government approach
 - Shift to Home Care
- Disability
 - *Value for Money* reform
 - Shift to Personalised Budgets

Changes in Insurance Model

- Full Risk Equalisation will be introduced
- Work with the Insurance Companies to significantly reduce costs
- The unbalanced market for insurance will be addressed

Why Change?

- Reform is working: We can see evidence of progress – Haemophilia Model, National Cancer Control Programme
- Change, not for its own sake, but to give people a fairer, higher quality, more efficient health system

Thank You