



Growing Up in Ireland Policy Advisory Group

Terms of Reference
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A Policy Advisory Group has been established as an information sharing and advisory mechanism to provide input into the research objectives of Growing Up in Ireland and the content of GUI surveys. The advisory group consists of representatives from the CSO, the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE), other Departments and agencies. The Group is chaired by DCDE. It aims to provide advice to ensure the continuing policy relevance of the Study.

The specific roles of the group are to:

- Provide expert advice on policy data needs and priorities to help inform the content of GUI questionnaires across key domains.
- Provide expert advice on policy questions, problems and emerging initiatives to help inform the content of GUI questionnaires across domains.
- Identify measures which could be used in the collection of GUI data and ensure complementarity with other state sponsored data collection initiatives.
- Provide input on issues arising during fieldwork, if invited to do so and subject to the agreement of the CSO.
- Provide expert advice to support the production, dissemination and use of policy relevant findings and statistical outputs.

Members of the Policy Advisory Group will be automatically added to the GUI mailing list unless otherwise instructed.

Operation of the Policy Advisory Group

- The Group may be asked to complete online surveys, attend (virtual) roundtable discussions, and potentially provide follow-up insights and advice on the development of GUI surveys. It is anticipated that the total contribution of an individual in a given year will not exceed two days.
- DCDE will chair, provide secretariat and maintain the documentation for the group.
- Minutes will be drafted and circulated to all parties after each meeting. An overview of the outcome of consultations in preparing for new waves of data collection will be included in the associated Research Needs Report.
- Meetings will primarily take place online; on occasion, they may take place in person at DCDE.
- DCDE may also convene joint meetings of this group with the other GUI advisory group, the Research and Practice Expert group if considered beneficial.