



Growing Up in Ireland: Research and Practice Expert Advisory Group

Terms of Reference

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This advisory group will help ensure that the development of GUI is informed by national and international research and the expertise of those involved in advocacy or service provision for children, young people or families. It will also contribute to ensuring the scientific integrity of the surveys and their relevance and value to service users and practitioners.

The specific roles of the group will be to:

- Provide expert advice on data needs and priorities for each wave of data collection across the main domains covered by Growing Up in Ireland.
- Provide expert advice on national and international research findings and developments to help inform the content of GUI questionnaires across key domains and the identification of potentially useful standardised measures.
- Provide expert advice on service provision and needs to help inform the content of GUI questionnaires across key domains and the identification of potentially useful standardised measures.
- Input into the development of the DCEDIY Research Needs submission for each wave.
- Provide feedback on data collection updates from the CSO on progress on GUI work, including development of questionnaires, fieldwork progress, response rates and preparation of outputs.
- Provide expert advice to support the production, dissemination and use of GUI findings and statistical outputs.

The Group will be chaired by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

Operation of the Research and Practice Advisory Group

- DCEDIY will chair, provide secretariat and maintain the documentation for the group.
- Agenda items for discussion can be proposed at a meeting for discussion at the next meeting or proposed in writing to the Secretary of the group.
- Minutes will be drafted and circulated to all parties after each meeting. Minutes and agendas of the liaison group meetings will be published on the GUI website once agreed.
- The Research and Practice Advisory Group will meet at least twice a year to review progress and to offer advice on the development of GUI surveys. More frequent meetings may be held if the need arises.
- Meetings will take place in DCEDIY or online.
- DCEDIY may also convene joint meetings of this group with the Policy Advisory Group if considered beneficial.