Sexual Health Promotion Training Strategy 2019–2029

Vision
A population enabled to make good sexual health choices

Mission
Through training and support, to empower professionals and their organisations to integrate sexual health education and information into their work with service users

Values
Promotion of positive and holistic sexual health
Mitigation of health inequalities
Promotion of respect for the individual and their circumstances
Partnership and collaborative practice
Evidence-informed practice
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1
Develop and promote partnerships and collaborative practice to advance sexual health promotion training for professionals

- Enhance existing partnerships with sexual health promotion training providers
- Develop new partnerships with organisations that have the potential to support the sexual health promotion training of professionals
- Encourage and facilitate collaborative practice between provider organisations involved in sexual health promotion training of professionals
- Establish an appropriate networking forum for sexual health promotion training providers

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2
Build organisations’ capacity to integrate sexual health promotion into their core work

- Work with higher and further education institutions to integrate sexual health promotion training into their mainstream, core curricula for relevant professionals
- Support the development of in-house training for health, social care, education, community and youth work professionals
- Encourage and assist organisations to integrate sexual health promotion into their core work through the development of policies and other supports for staff and service users

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3
Develop a quality standards framework for sexual health promotion training for professionals

- Work collaboratively with statutory and voluntary sexual health training providers to develop and roll out a user-friendly, evidence-informed quality standards framework

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 4
Develop and deliver a standard suite of core and specific population group sexual health promotion training programmes for professionals

- Continue to adapt, develop and deliver the Foundation Programme in Sexual Health Promotion as a core training provision on a nationwide basis, according to need, demand and available resources
- Complete an analysis of current training being provided for professionals on the sexual health needs of at-risk and vulnerable groups
- Work with statutory organisations and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to develop and deliver sexual health promotion training programmes specific to particular at-risk and vulnerable groups
- Develop training on the needs of specific groups, based on consultation with those groups
- Address the comfort, confidence, attitudes, values, knowledge and skills of professionals within all areas of sexual health promotion training

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 5
Develop an infrastructure to support the implementation of the strategy

- Establish a strategy implementation group of statutory and voluntary partners
- Establish project working groups as required