

## Participant Information Leaflet

### Survey Evaluation of the National Dementia Strategy & Implementation Plan.

**What is the purpose of this study?** The purpose of this study is to evaluate the National Dementia Strategy. The National Dementia Strategy was introduced in 2014, with the aim of improving life for people with dementia in Ireland. We want to explore your views about the National Dementia Strategy and give you an opportunity to have your say.

**Who is conducting the study?** Researchers from University College Cork, in partnership with a market research company IPSOS Mori.

#### What does participation involve?

- You do not need to have a good understanding of the National Dementia Strategy to take part.
- You are asked to complete the questionnaire attached to this letter. A stamped addressed envelope is provided for return. It will not cost you anything.
- The questionnaire will take approximately 20-30 minutes of your time.
- Please return your questionnaire within two weeks.

#### Are there any risks in taking part?

- We don't expect any negative consequences of taking part.
- This research is completely independent from HSE services and taking part will never affect any services or healthcare that you receive.
- Taking part is voluntary, and you give consent by responding to and returning the questionnaire. You may refuse to respond at any time, without consequence or giving a reason.

#### What will happen to the information I provide?

- Your information will be anonymous and kept private.
- The results of this study will be used to inform future policy and services related to dementia in Ireland.
- It may also be used in other reports or publications, but you will not be identified.

**Consent:**

- By filling out and returning the questionnaire, you are consenting to participate in this research.
- This means that we can use your anonymous data in this evaluation of the National Dementia Strategy and National Dementia Strategy Implementation Plan. You do not have to complete the survey.

**Further information:** If you have any questions relating to this study or your participation, please contact any the following:

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