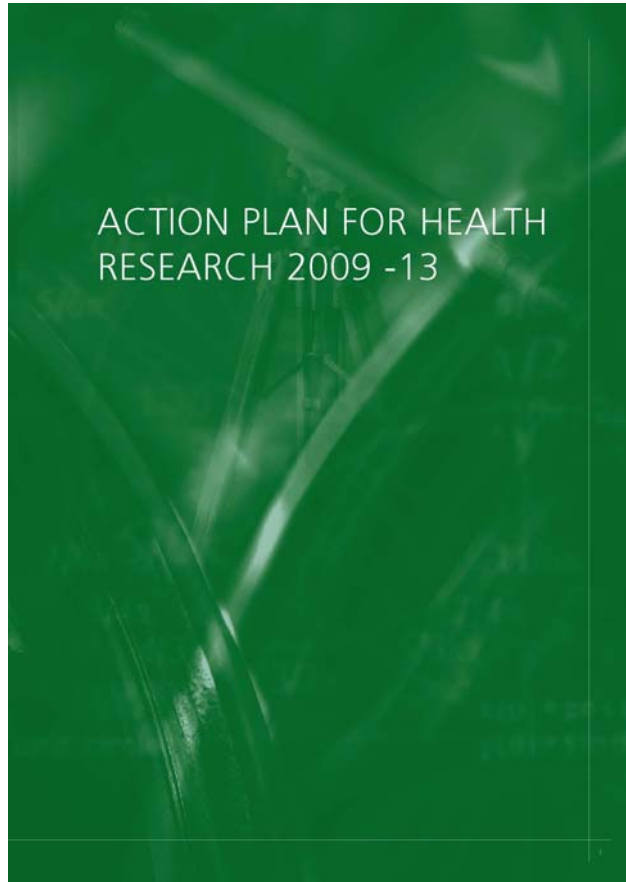


Research for better health



Action Plan for Health Research

2009-13

Launch of Action Plan

4 November 2009

Jim Breslin,
Chairman of the Health Research Group

Building Ireland's Smart Economy

- Contained a commitment to develop an *Action Plan for Health Research* in order to exploit opportunities for stronger linkages between our health sector, the health sciences and related FDI and indigenous sectors such as medical devices and biopharma.
- The *Action Plan* has been developed on a cross-Government basis by the Health Research Group.

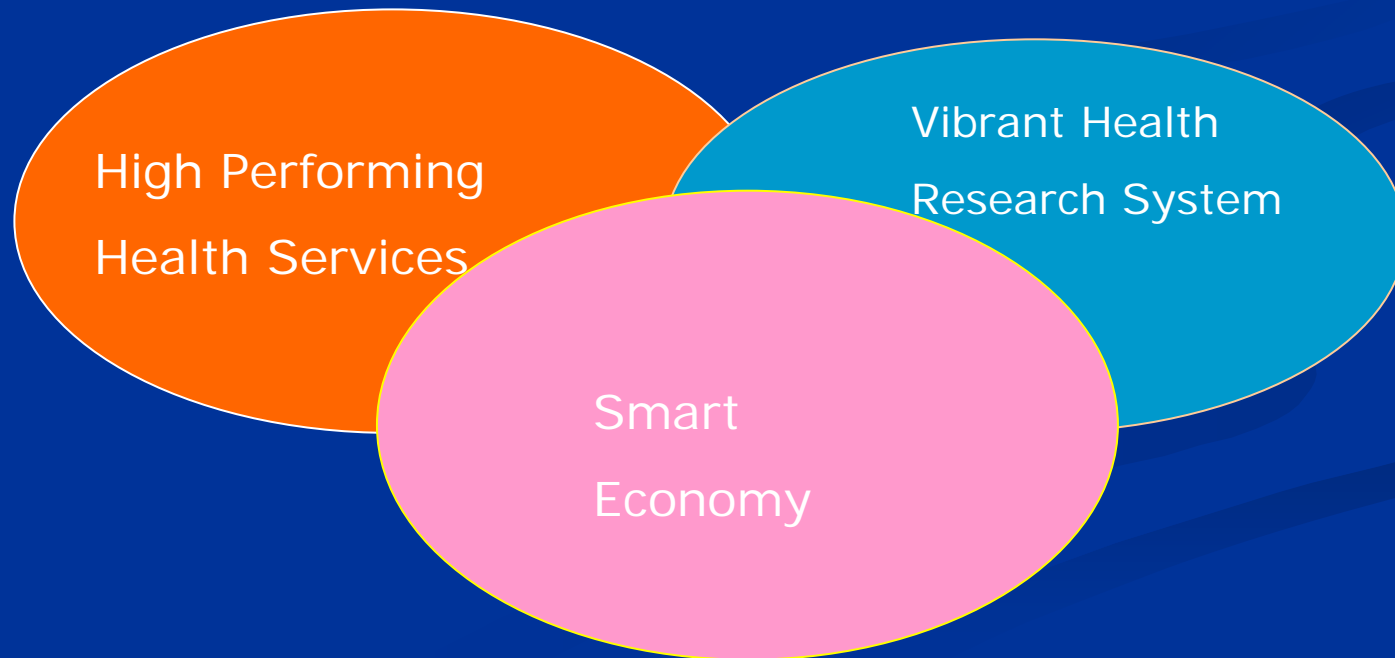
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- “The challenge for all of us is to innovate and change, to reinvent what we do and how we do it. In this situation, we need to think differently, think smart and to foster a culture of creativity and innovation in everything we do. Put simply, we must get more for less.”

An Taoiseach launching Building Ireland's Smart Economy, December 2008.

Health Research: The Interconnections

Quality health services, a vibrant health research system and social and economic prosperity are not separate but inextricably intertwined.



Two Key Issues

- Strong health research system needed to support:
 - Transformation of health service delivery and patient outcomes
 - Economic agenda in developing new products and services

What will the Action Plan Achieve?

1. Framework for co-ordination & accountability.
2. National priorities for health research.
3. Enabling research infrastructure; in particular clinical research facilities in our main academic hospitals & scalable informatics and bio-banking solutions.
4. More clinical trials networks, internationally linked.
5. Focus on commercialisation & industry partnerships.
6. Streamlined and predictable regulatory environment.

What will the Action Plan Achieve?

- More clinicians & health care professionals doing high quality patient focused research.
- Rebalancing activity towards patient related outcomes.
- Increased capacity for population health and health services research.
- Transformation of care pathways informed by (locally adapted) international research evidence.
- Mechanisms to monitor and evaluate investment, across both health and economic dimensions.

Making It Happen

- Departments & Agencies represented on the Health Research Group have already begun implementing the actions.
- We have published the Action Plan in order to be accountable, to generate support and to tap into the enthusiasm and passion for research & innovation amongst you, the stakeholders.