

## Dissemination Policy for National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System (NPIRS)

The reports and statistics produced from the National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System (NPIRS) are available free of charge to all users via the Health Research Board's (HRB) website [www.hrb.ie](http://www.hrb.ie). In advance of publication of the annual Activities report, a memo, in addition to the report, will be sent to the Executive Team of the HRB.

### Code of Practice

The HRB, within which the NPIRS operates, is committed to ensuring that all data is compiled to the highest standard. In particular, the NPIRS adheres to the principles set out in the 'Irish Statistical System Code of Practice' <https://www.isscop.ie/codeofpractice/> and thus aspires to achieve the ISSCoP quality assurance mark.

### Release announcements and publications

All our regular publications of statistics, analysis and datasets are pre-announced on our release calendar which is available on our website at [www.hrb.ie/release\\_calendar](http://www.hrb.ie/release_calendar).

This is a not-later-than calendar, with all products due by close of business on the last day of the month referenced.

### Open Data

Reports are in the form of PDF files, and supporting data is provided in both Excel and CSV format. In line with Government policy the NPIRS is committed to publishing open data so that its outputs are accessible to and reusable by the widest possible audience. For researchers, and all others requiring data please our interactive tables are available on the [Central Statistics Office \(CSO\) website](#). If the data required is not available through these tables, data can be requested by completing the National Health Information Systems (NHIS) [data request form](#) and accept the terms and conditions for use of NPIRS data. The form is in editable PDF format and can be returned to: [npirs@hrb.ie](mailto:npirs@hrb.ie)

Analysis of NPIRS data collected is provided, on request, to units and hospitals that participate in the NPIRS by contacting [npirs@hrb.ie](mailto:npirs@hrb.ie)

### Revisions Policy

The NPIRS publications are based on the admissions and discharges in psychiatric units and hospitals throughout the Republic of Ireland. Where the format, content or methodology of the NPIRS is altered or revised, notice of such revisions are communicated in a subsequent publication or release of data. Where an error occurs in a published output, this will be addressed promptly, and a notice placed on the affected statistical release. Any correction shall be made as soon as possible. Errors noted by a hospital (for example, a date of admission or a change in legal status or diagnosis) after the date of processing of quarterly data will be corrected in the annual report. In addition, there is an Errors and omissions' section in the document 'Information for users of the NPIRS database' and errors are noted here for anyone accessing the data. This document also captures revisions to the database and explanation of all variables collected and revisions to data collected.