

Dissemination Policy for National Ability Supports System (NASS)

The reports and statistics produced from the National Ability Supports System (NASS) are available free of charge to all users via the Health Research Board's (HRB) website www.hrb.ie. In advance of publication of the annual Bulletins, a memo, in addition to the reports, will be sent to the Executive Team of the HRB.

Code of Practice

The HRB, within which the NASS operates, is committed to ensuring that all data is compiled to the highest standard. In particular, the NASS 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 www.hrb.ie/.

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

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Analysis of NASS data collected is provided, on request, to service providers that participate in the NASS by contacting nass@hrb.ie

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