

Quality Commitment Statement for the 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.

As outlined in its Strategy 2021-2025 document, the Health Research Board is committed to upholding its values of leadership, independence, accountability, quality, responsiveness, collaboration, and inclusiveness, and to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism, honesty, objectivity and quality. The NASS adheres to the of the Irish Statistical System Code of Practice (ISSCoP) .¹ This quality mark shows our commitment to the principles set out in the ISSCoP, and in subscribing to these principles, the NASS demonstrates its commitment to improving trust and confidence in the independence, integrity and accountability of the Statistical System and in the credibility and quality of the statistics we produce and disseminate.

Through our work, we abide by the following core values as outlined in our HRB Strategy (<https://www.hrb.ie/about/strategy-2025/>):

- Leadership: We are leaders in supporting and raising the standard of health and social care research, evidence and data nationally.
- Independence: We are an independent and trusted voice for research evidence in health and social care.
- Accountability: We are accountable and take ownership for ensuring the best possible standards in the research that we fund, the research we do and the data that we manage.
- Quality: We uphold the highest quality standards and levels of professionalism in all aspects of the HRB's work.
- Responsiveness: We are agile and innovative in how we respond to the research needs of society and the health system.
- Collaboration: We collaborate nationally and internationally and work with a broad range of stakeholders across all HRB activities.
- Inclusiveness: We aim to include and engage with a diverse range of people in the work we do treating everyone fairly and equitably.

The NASS promotes a culture of continuous improvement in relation to the production of statistics through its willingness to participation in the Formal Statistician Liaison Group², its engagement with key stakeholders including the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth, the HSE and other organisations which promote best practices across the Irish Statistical System.

Our aim is to produce statistics that are accurate and reliable, coherent and comparable. We will be objective in our analysis and disseminate our statistics in a clear, accessible and timely manner. Quality is a central consideration to all aspects of our work and we strive to improve our Quality Management Systems on a continuous basis.

Signed on behalf of the NASS, Health Research Board:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Craig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'S' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

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¹ [Home - ISSCOP - Irish Statistical System Code of Practice](#)

² [Formal Statistician Liaison Group - CSO - Central Statistics Office](#)