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Primary Health Care for Travellers Projects (PHCTPs)



Ensuring Traveller inclusion in Health Services

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The Primary Health Care for Travellers Projects (PHCTPs) involve Traveller Community Health Workers working to bridge the gap between the Travellers and mainstream health services. These projects aim to link Travellers with the healthcare services and to address their health needs through peer-led health promotion, advocacy, and support.

The **1st** Traveller Primary Healthcare Project was established in 1994 at Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre.

Since then, the model has been replicated nationwide, with approximately **30** Traveller Primary Health Care Projects currently operating across Ireland.



Aims of the Primary Health Care for Travellers Projects

To establish Primary Health Care as a **Model of Good Practice** to address Travellers' Health.

To **liaise and assist** in dialogue between Travellers and health service providers.

To develop the **skills of Travellers** in providing community-based health services.

To **highlight gaps in health service** delivery to Travellers and work towards reducing inequalities that exist in established services.



To learn more, you can watch the Traveller Primary Healthcare Project Conference celebrating 30 years of Traveller Primary Healthcare:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5GR7ktgSoQ

Research shows that almost **9 out of 10** Travellers receive health information through PHCTPs, highlighting the vital role these projects play in improving health literacy, service access, and overall Traveller wellbeing.

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