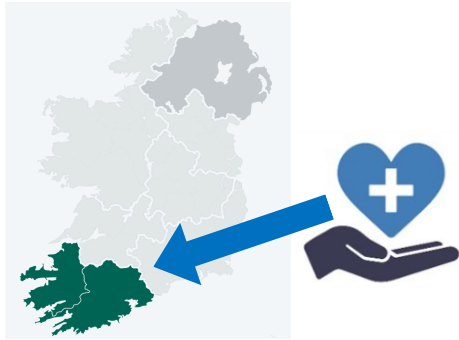




Would you like to be a member of our Patient and Service User Council?



HSE South West provides health and social care services in Cork and Kerry.








We are setting up a Patient and Service User Council that will include people who use our services.



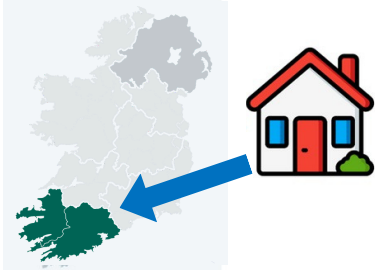




The council will share their experience and help us make decisions.

What will I do as a Patient and Service User Council member?

	<p>You will come to meetings with other patients and service users.</p>
	<p>You will share your experience and give your advice.</p>
	<p>It is important that members listen and think about everyone's ideas.</p>
	<p>You will give your feedback to the senior team members in the HSE.</p>
	<p>This is to make sure what happens has your view.</p>





Who can apply



 A map of Ireland is shown in light grey. A blue arrow points from a house icon (with a red roof, red door, and blue windows) to the southern region of the map, which is highlighted in green.	<p>You live in Cork or Kerry.</p>
 An illustration of a healthcare worker in green scrubs assisting an elderly woman with a walker. The woman is wearing a yellow jacket and glasses.	<p>You have experience of using different types of health services.</p>
 An illustration of four diverse people (two women and two men) sitting around a wooden table, engaged in a meeting. They are looking at papers and talking.	<p>You will need to know how to join meetings and give your thoughts.</p>
 A black and white icon of a certificate or award. It features a checkmark inside a circle, which is placed on a ribbon-like shape at the bottom of a rectangular frame.	<p>You will care about and want to make things better for people.</p>
 An illustration of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a pink sweater and green pants, speaking into a megaphone. She has her mouth open and her hand is raised.	<p>You will speak up on things that matter to you and share your feedback.</p>



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 A circular illustration showing a diverse group of people of various ethnicities and ages, all smiling and looking towards the center. They are arranged in a circle, with some arms raised.	<p>Members will come from lots of different backgrounds. They will have lots of life experiences.</p>
 A line drawing of a young woman with long hair, wearing a t-shirt with a star on it. She is holding a string attached to a balloon that has the number '18' on it. There are small stars around the number.	<p>You must be 18 years of age or older.</p>

Things to know about the role

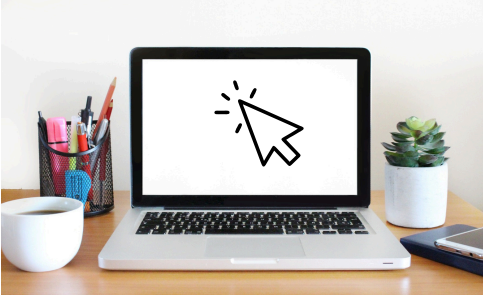




 A grid of 12 calendar icons, one for each month of the year: JAN, FEB, MAR, APR, MAY, JUN, JUL, AUG, SEP, OCT, NOV, DEC. The icons for MAR, JUL, and NOV are circled in blue.	<p>You will join meetings every two months.</p>
 Two illustrations side-by-side. The left one shows a laptop screen displaying a video conference with several participants. The right one shows four people sitting around a table, engaged in a discussion.	<p>The meetings may be online or in-person. We can help you with support to attend.</p>



 A red calendar icon with yellow rings at the top. The year '2028' is written in large black numbers on a white background.	<p>Your role will last for two years.</p>
 A stack of Euro banknotes (10, 20, 50) with a red diagonal slash over them, indicating that the role is not paid.	<p>You will be a volunteer. This means that the role is not paid.</p>
 A black bus ticket with a white bus icon, the word 'TICKET', and a barcode. To the right is a large green checkmark.	<p>We will pay for your travel to go to meetings.</p>
 An illustration of a man in a blue shirt and dark pants pushing a woman in a wheelchair. The woman is wearing a yellow shirt and blue pants.	<p>You will need to find support yourself if you need personal care or help to travel to a meeting.</p>



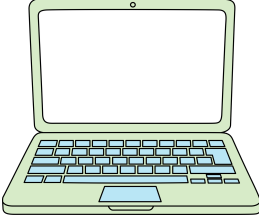



How to apply

	<p>You can apply online at hse.ie/patientcouncil or scan the QR code</p>
	<p>You can contact Jimmy Burke at partnership.southwest@hse.ie for an application form.</p>
	<p>You can also apply over the phone by call to 087 451 7250.</p>
	<p>You can contact us by email or phone to ask for another way of taking part, such as making an audio or video recording.</p>
	<p>The deadline to apply is 5pm on 26th May 2026.</p>



Other Ways to Get Involved

	<p>Patient Group: You can join this group to hear about new work with the HSE and to help in a group.</p>
	<p>Patient Email List: You can join this list to get news and invitations to meetings.</p>
	<p>You can apply to join the Patient Group and Patient Email List in the same way you apply to join the Council.</p>
	<p>Where to find more information If you have questions about your application, contact Jimmy by: Phone: 087 451 7250 Email: partnership.southwest@hse.ie</p>