



National Safeguarding Office Ireland

Nursing Strategy





Safeguarding

- Nurses are ideally positioned to promote and empower service users' rights to live safe from harm and abuse.
- Need capability in identifying those who potentially at greater risk of abuse & instigate/integrate risk management strategies in every day care.
- Nurses need knowledge and skills to vigilantly provide early detection of any abuse/neglect indicators, timely response /report and work collaboratively with HSE & other agencies in addressing issues.
- Safeguarding is providing good care, ensuring the dignity of the person is not undermined or violated.





Nurses can contribute and enhance the practical utility of the Safeguarding concept & complement the work of Social work colleagues in providing appropriate information, supportive responses & services that become increasingly more targeted and specialist as risk of harm increases



Safeguarding Adults in the community Ireland



2000-2014
Multi-disciplinary
Team(primary care) with
Elder Abuse Social
worker (from 2007)



2015
Separate team of Social
workers established



2023
Nurse joins teams of
Social workers



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Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland





Strategic Aim

- Enhance **Capacity and Integration** of SG teams with addition of Nursing (clinical nurse manager) CNM
- **Build on Capability** of all nurses who provide care to Adults with particular focus on sectors such as—older persons/disability
- Embed a **Safeguarding Culture** throughout Nursing, MW & Health care assistant Practice





>National Adult Safeguarding CNM 2 Advisory team

>Director of nursing *contributes to role and function of NSO/professional governance of CNM 2s*

>CNM 2s

Pivotal role –Nursing perspective and resource on safeguarding assessments and safety care plans

Eg contributing to National Programmes for Nurses-National Frailty multidisciplinary education Programme –informed by TILDA (*longitudinal study of ageing*)

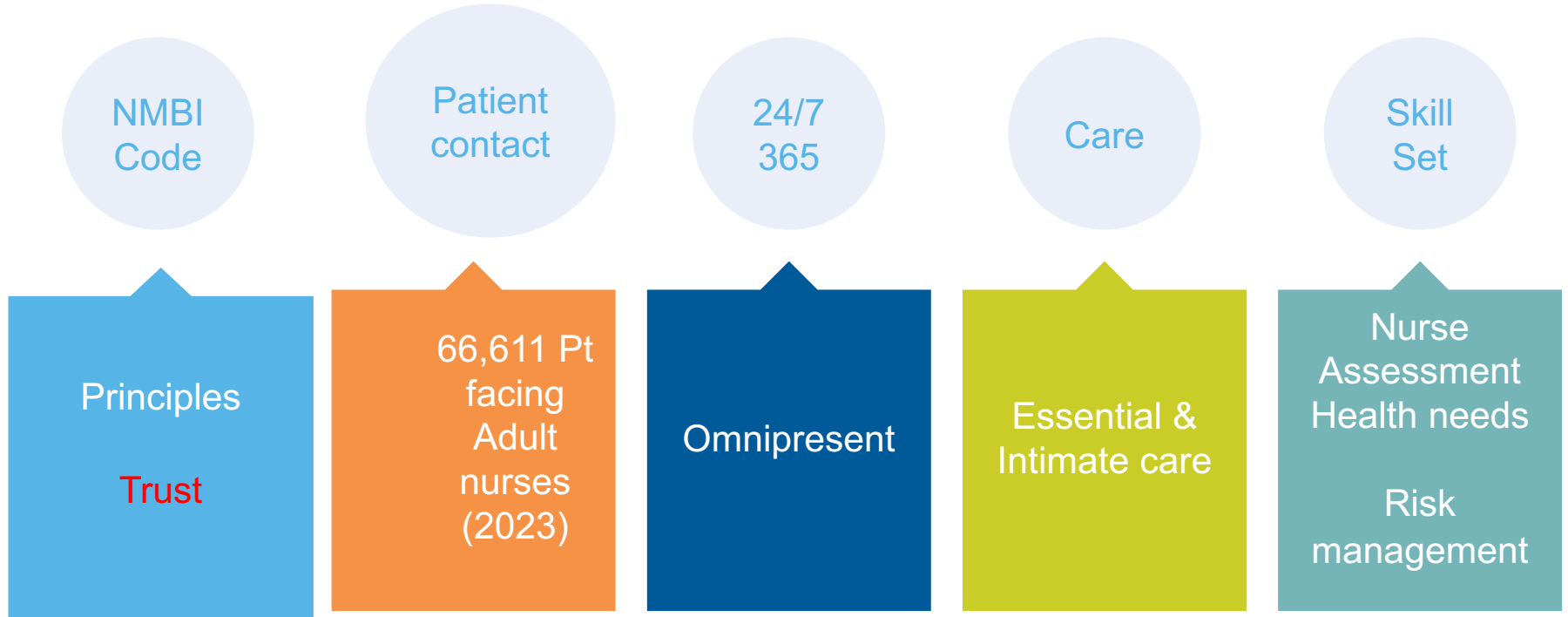
Gerontology Foundation programmes

Overseas Nurse Induction Programme

Need for Chief Social worker & Chief nurse (Office of Nursing and Midwifery services development) to collaborate on vision/Policy, procedures, protocols and guidance on multidisciplinary cooperation and collaboration



Nursing contribution- differs from Social work





Working Differently Together

Knowledge

Skin Integrity
Poly Pharmacy
Infection control/sepsis
Nutrition/wt loss
Dementia Care
Frailty
Cognition
Contenance
Learning difference /disability

Integration

Current Structures Health & Social care

Allied health professionals
Enhanced community care & networks

Navigation

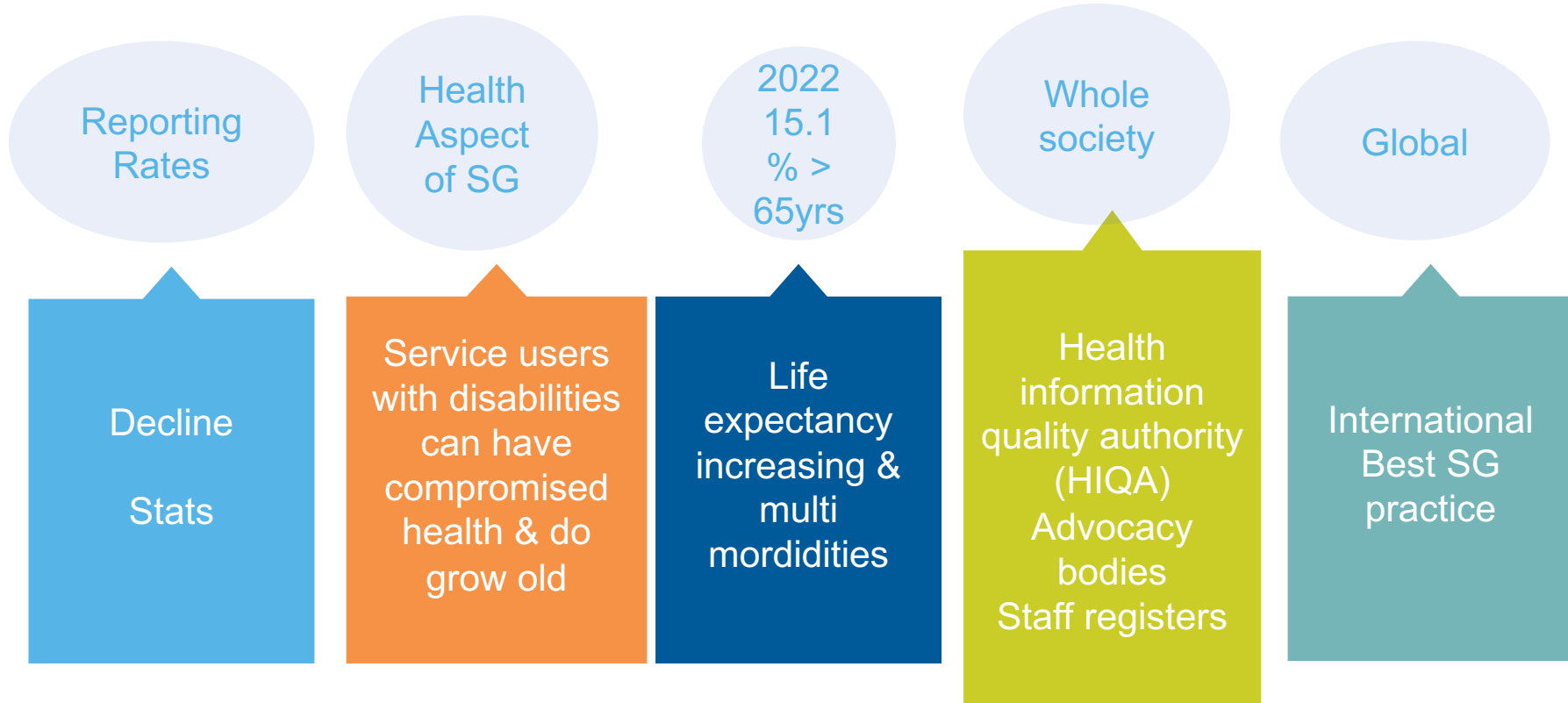
Primary Care, Residential, Day & Acute

Designated Officers
40% Nurses

Already involved in preliminary screening, coordination and SG Protection plans



Safeguarding is Everybody's Business





Challenges

Change

Recruitment

embargo

Effective
MD
working



A more comprehensive strategy for ensuring the safety of all adults will be strengthened by having a nursing professional—dedicated to and truly integrated with adult safeguarding, available to both health & social care professionals & service users within communities, and working together with social work colleagues in both prevention of and/or the timely implementation of safeguarding and protection plans.



**Thanks
for Listening**