

Vacancy: Principal Epidemiologist (Cancer Intelligence), National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP)

Lead the Epidemiological Insight that Shapes Delivery of Ireland's Cancer Strategy.

The National Cancer Control Programme (NCCP) is seeking a senior specialist epidemiologist to lead the Cancer Surveillance stream within the Cancer Intelligence Unit. This is a critical post for an experienced epidemiologist who will serve as the functional lead for surveillance, working in close partnership with the Head of Cancer Intelligence and the wider Senior Management Team. This role is pivotal in the provision and evolution of monitoring and insight of the performance of our cancer services.

As the HSE transitions to Health Regions, you will drive the sophistication of our epidemiological analysis, transforming raw data into the robust evidence required by our regional and national stakeholders to optimally prevent and control cancer in Ireland.

The Opportunity

Reporting directly to the General Manager of Cancer Intelligence, you will take ownership of the epidemiological performance data portfolio. You will move beyond routine reporting to focus on advanced analysis, methodological rigour and surveillance system design.

Your role is to provide the expert epidemiological voice that provides timely authoritative answers the critical questions:

How are our services performing and how can we support improvement?

Key Responsibilities

- **Functional Leadership:** Act as the lead technical authority on cancer surveillance, designing strategies that support the broader objectives of the NCCP.
- **Impact & Insight:** Oversee the generation of high-impact intelligence that benchmarks performance and empowers regional and national quality improvement.
- **System Evolution:** Champion the integration of advanced modelling and Digital Health initiatives (including the Individual Health Identifier -IHI) into core surveillance activities.
- **Strategic Partnership:** Support the Cancer Intelligence leadership by facilitating evidence-based dialogue with stakeholders to support policy development and service planning.
- **Team Development:** Lead and develop a dynamic team of surveillance staff, fostering a culture of analytical excellence and continuous professional development.

The Candidate

We are looking for an expert with the vision to evolve and modernise surveillance methodology and the ability to work collaboratively within a multidisciplinary leadership

structure across a landscape of important hospital, regional and national contributors and stakeholders.

- **Qualifications:** Post-graduate qualification (NFQ Level 9 or higher) in Epidemiology, Public Health, or a related field.
- **Experience:** At least 10 years' experience in epidemiological/surveillance techniques, with a minimum of 3 years in a coordination or team lead role.
- **Skills:** Expertise in complex data analysis, strong technical leadership and the ability to translate scientific findings into clear and timely health systems insight for senior management.

Remuneration & Location

- **Salary Scale:** €84,490 – €112,533 (01/02/2026 rates).
- **Location:** Kings Inns' House, 200 Parnell Street, Dublin 1 / Hybrid
- **Tenure:** Permanent, Whole-time

Application link

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