



South Dublin Age Friendly County Strategy

2020-2024





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Mayor's Introduction

As population of South Dublin continues to increase, the growth that we now experience amongst our older population is one that will continue into the future and beyond the lifetime of this strategy.

People who are now living longer lives are well represented locally through various older persons' groups/forums and at national level through the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme and, in particular, through Ireland's Age Friendly Ireland Programme which is an appointed shared service of local government, hosted by Meath County Council.

These groups send a strong message that older people are active, that their voice and opinion is important, and that they have as much to contribute to our County as any other social group. In preparing this strategy, we sought the views of older people's networks and groups as well as conducting an online survey- these views are particularly important as we continue to build on our previous achievements and develop on the services we provide.

I particularly welcome the progress that this Council is making on the planned delivery of housing options for older people and look forward to continued work in this area through the life of this strategy. Alongside this, we will continue to foster an inclusive community, with events and opportunities tailored and relevant to our ageing population. Through this strategy, we aim to ensure that our older population have access to health services and information and that there are no barriers to mobility barriers around the County.

Overall, our strategy aims to strengthen the relationship between stakeholders nationally and locally in developing and delivering services for older people. This will enhance our monitoring and implementation framework to ensure that we measure our ongoing progress to enhance the quality of life of older people in South Dublin and making our County a place where older people and their participation is highly valued.

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Mayor Ed O'Brien



Chief Executive's Introduction

In the last decade, terms such as “active aged” and “positive ageing” have thankfully become part of the common narrative around discussion about supporting our older population. Average life expectancy was sixty-seven in 1955 and is now eighty-two and anticipated to be eighty-six by 2051. The reality of a twenty-year life span beyond one’s retirement from their primary occupation, continues to challenge our thinking across society. These challenges are most acute in relation to continued and valued active social participation, housing, public health, and intergenerational cohesion. Many positive initiatives and partnerships have been developed to address these challenges, including the Age Friendly Ireland Programme and the associated County Age Friendly alliances sponsored by local authorities.

South Dublin County Council was one of the first County Age Friendly Alliances to be established in 2012. Since then, the alliance has provided a valuable platform and support for age friendly initiatives. This new strategy is intended to develop on that progress, reflect on the learning of studies undertaken and outline positive actions planned in the near term. It also provides an opportunity to reassess our support structures including the workings and membership of the County Age Friendly Alliance. In addition, our communication, advocacy, and promotion of the valuable work of the alliance, the local authority and our many partnerships, will be enhanced as part of this revised strategy.

The challenge of acknowledging, understanding, embracing, and supporting vastly improved life expectancy is a welcome one and one which this Council will gladly provide leadership on into the future, throughout the term of this strategy and beyond.

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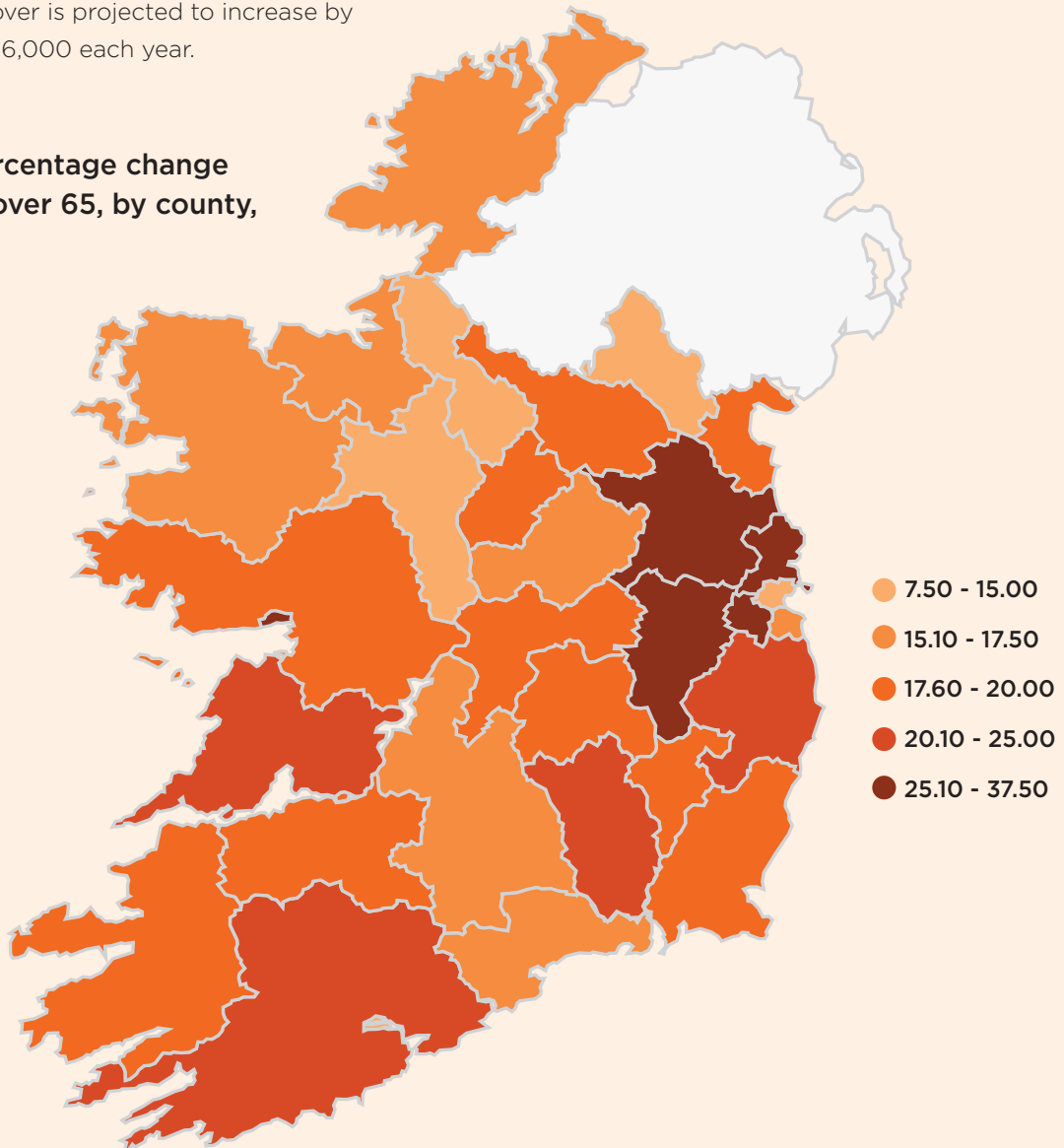
Daniel McLoughlin
Chief Executive

Introduction

People in Ireland are living longer and healthier lives due to improvements in healthcare and lifestyles. Life Expectancy at 65 is rising faster in Ireland than anywhere else in the EU. By 2041, there will be 1.4 million people in Ireland over the age of 65 – that is one out of every four people. Of these 440,000 will be aged 80 or more – that is four times as many as in 2006. Following on from Census 2016, the estimated population growth between 2016 and 2019 is 3.8% and the number and proportion of the population in older age groups continue to grow nationally – the number of people over the age of 65 is increasing by approximately 20,000 a year. Over the next 20 years, the number of people aged 85 and over is projected to increase by an average of 6,000 each year.

South Dublin County Council's inaugural Age Friendly County Strategy was launched in 2012. Since then, the population of the County grew by more than 13,500 people by the 2016 Census to 278,749. This population growth represented a 5.1% increase which was the 8th highest increase of all local authority areas in the country. According to the Census reports, 11% of South Dublin County's residents are 65 years old or older. Map 4.5 from the Census, below, shows how the largest increases nationally in persons aged 65 and over were seen in Fingal (36.1%), South Dublin (34.1%), Kildare (32.2%) and Meath (27.4%).

Map 4.5 Percentage change in persons over 65, by county, 2011-2016



Based on 2016 Census data, Tallaght and Clondalkin in particular have potential for substantial projected increases in the number of older persons, although it is projected that all parts of the County will see increases, particularly for those aged 75 and over. Further challenges are posed when the relative deprivation index for Dublin by electoral division in 2016 is factored in. This identifies area of relative disadvantage around Tallaght and Clondalkin, which will require more targeted interventions to address the needs of an ageing population in those areas.

The expected increase in the number of people over the age of 65 years will lead to increased demands on our health and welfare services. This will have significant social and economic implications at an individual, family, and societal level. The implications for public policy areas as diverse as housing, health, urban and rural planning, transport, policing, and the business environment are considerable, presenting many challenges for South Dublin County Council and all public service providers in County.

In the period since our inaugural Age Friendly County Strategy, we have significantly progressed towards making South Dublin an Age Friendly County through a range of achievements including:

- Establishment of an Age Friendly Alliance
- Facilitation of Tus Nua - South Dublin's Older Persons Council including support for their programme of activities
- Appointment of Age Friendly ambassadors via Tus Nua
- Dedicated annual programme of events for older persons including through 55+ Daily Planner, Health & Wellbeing Week, Bealtaine, Social Inclusion Festival and Senior Games
- Establishment of Tallaght Integrated Care for Older Person's Team in Tallaght University Hospital
- The Positive Ageing in Ireland - South Dublin Report (2016)
- South Dublin Transport Study (2016)
- Commissioning of rightsizing research study with Age Friendly Ireland (2020)
- Establishment of an Age Friendly Newsletter
- Provision of a range of training for older persons including Information Communications Technology training and National Adult Literacy training
- Annual Council funded Home Security and Safety schemes
- Trusted Tradesman initiative
- An Garda Síochána supported Neighbourhood Watch schemes improving safety and security for older persons
- Planning approvals for housing developments for older people
- Community grant funding for men's sheds and social clubs
- Accredited Age Friendly Library at County Library in Tallaght
- County Library service offering a wide range of programmes and services to older people
- Age Friendly Business Scheme in the Square Shopping Centre
- Upgrade of Kiltipper Park with new walking and cycling routes, entrance ways designed to be universally accessible.



This revised and updated South Dublin Age Friendly Strategy will build on the successes of the previous strategy and further develop our County as a place where older people can feel safe and secure and where their experiences can add to the social fabric of the County. This strategy will further improve health and well-being opportunities for older people, create opportunities for older people to participate in the social, economic, and cultural life of the community and provide a framework for partnerships between local statutory, private, community and voluntary organisations in responding to the needs of older people.

Preparation of this strategy had commenced prior to the COVID -19 Pandemic. Its impact on

older people has been significant and poses new challenges. Raising public health awareness, addressing social isolation, wellbeing, and access to services including online services emerged as key issues during the pandemic. Through targeted actions in our implementation plan, this strategy will seek to address these issues and help make our older citizens and services/supports for them more resilient. We also must be aware of the lessons from the challenges and responses during COVID-19 to ensure that our supports and responses to older persons' needs reflect their diversity and contrasting circumstances. In addition, we know that there is a huge potential within older people to contribute to supports and responses that we will continue to harness that in future.



International and National Context for an Age Friendly Policy Framework

The Age Friendly City and Counties programme in Ireland is grounded in the World Health Organisation's Age Friendly initiative (2005). There are nine Age Friendly County themes, as developed by the World Health Organisation, that are considered the primary factors most affecting the quality of life of older people. These nine themes are:

Transportation	Housing	Social Participation
Respect & Inclusion	Civic participation & Employment	Communication & Information
Community Support & Health Services	Outdoor Spaces & Public Buildings	Security and Safety

From a national perspective, successive Governments have produced a range of policies and guidelines supporting and referencing the age friendly framework including:

- Programmes for Government 2011-2016, 2016- 2020 and 2020-2024
- Putting People First 2012
- National Carers Strategy 2012
- National Positive Ageing Strategy 2013
- Healthy Ireland 2013-2025
- National Dementia Strategy 2014
- Listening to Older People: Experiences with Health Services 2015
- Housing Options for our Ageing Population
- Our Public Libraries 2022
- Realising our Rural Potential | Action Plan for Rural Development
- National Transport Strategy 2018-2022
- Project Ireland 2040 | National Planning Framework
- Rebuilding Ireland | Action Plan for Housing and Homelessness



In recognition of the need to support our ageing society, the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme (AFCCP) was established in 2008 and is delivered by Age Friendly Ireland (AFI) on an ongoing basis. The signing of the Dublin Declaration on Age-Friendly Cities and Communities in 2011 marked a national commitment to age friendly cities across the country.

The current Programme for Government, Our Shared Future, identifies measures to be delivered to meet the needs of our diverse, ageing population, stating that *“our approach is to support older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence for as long as possible” and to “value our older people”*.

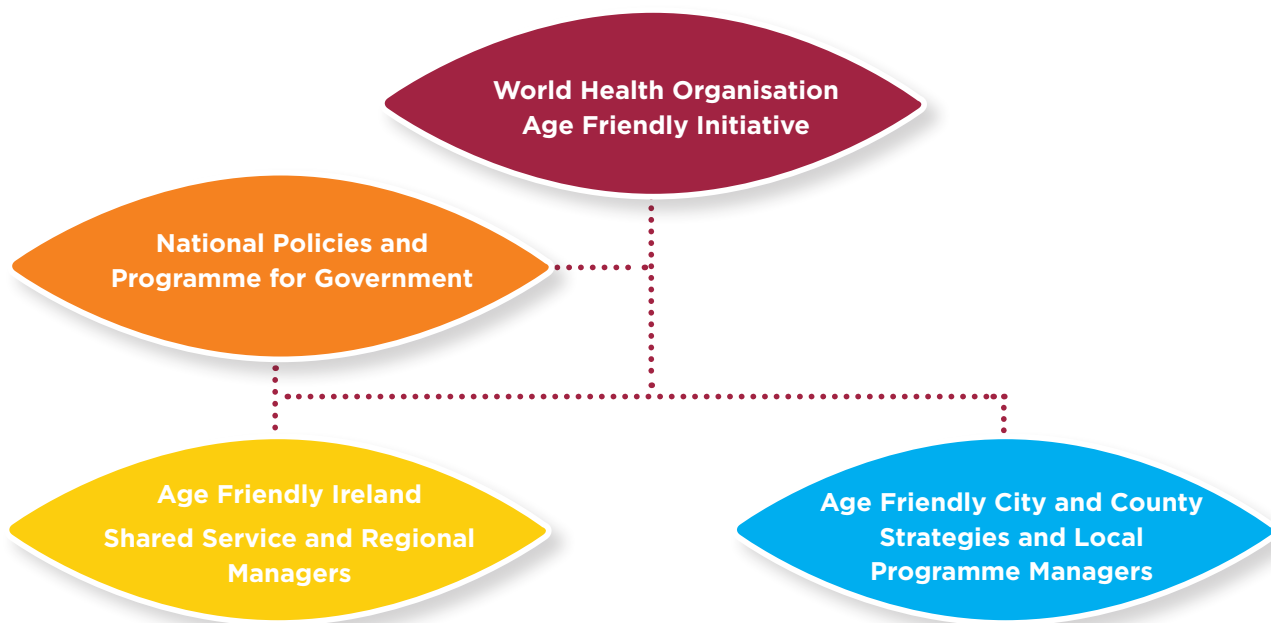
The programme recognises that local authorities have a central role to play in delivering on its objectives in relation to:

- Embedding ageing in place options for older people into the planning system as the County and City Development Plans are redrawn this year.
- Drawing on the Housing Need and Demand Assessments, developing demographic reporting tools and population projections to gain a better national understanding of the needs and location of housing options for older people.
- Increasing the provision of smaller homes in developments, ensuring that older people can remain living in their communities close to essential services and facilities.
- Working with Approved Housing Bodies, co-operatives, private developers, and Age Friendly Ireland on the development/ redevelopment of older person housing.
- Maintaining support for the Housing Adaptation Grant Scheme.
- Promoting active retirement and positive ageing initiatives to tackle social isolation.
- Exploring a new digital skill for citizens grant scheme focussing on one-to-one training.
- Ensuring that older people who are at greater risk of fuel poverty and the respiratory illnesses associated with air pollution be prioritised in climate action and climate mitigation plans.
- Tackling loneliness.



The national Age Friendly programme is co-ordinated by Age Friendly Ireland, an appointed shared service of local government, hosted by Meath County Council. The programme office provides supports and technical guidance to the 31 local authorities in delivering Age Friendly policies and programmes (a library of Age

Friendly Ireland Guidelines and Toolkits are in Appendix IV). Age Friendly Ireland has also appointed a network of Regional Managers to support the local authority Age Friendly programme managers who are responsible for local Age Friendly programme delivery.



This national framework provides the context for the local structure managed by the Council’s dedicated Age Friendly Programme Manager who is responsible for local programme delivery. A key part of this role immediately is to refresh and strengthen our County Age Friendly Alliance to complement the introduction of a new strategy.

The role of the alliance is critical in bringing together the key local stakeholders to collaborate on progressing Age Friendly objectives in South Dublin. Our Programme Manager must also work in partnership with the Older Persons’ Council, Tus Nua, to inform and drive the agenda to reflect the local issues and concerns affecting older people.

Strategic Vision and Values

Our aim is to enhance the quality of life of older people in South Dublin through a coordinated and strategic approach to age friendly initiatives, to make South Dublin a place where older people are treated with dignity and respect, and where the contribution of older people to the social, economic and cultural fabric of the County is highly valued.

This will be achieved through a series of high-level objectives and actions embedded in the following values and principles:

Participation	To encourage the participation of older adults in all the all social, economic, and cultural activities.
Learning	To promote intergenerational learning to facilitate the reciprocal sharing of expertise between generations.
Engaging	To actively engage with older people through regular consultation with representative bodies and local groups and listening to their views.
Access	Access for older adults to health and wellness opportunities in the County.
Sharing	Local stakeholders sharing resources and information to inform the age friendly agenda.
Equality	Ensuring age friendly actions are responsive to the needs of a diverse community of older people.

Positive Ageing in Ireland – South Dublin Report 2016

A comprehensive survey was carried out by the Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme and the Healthy and Positive Ageing Initiative in 2016. The Positive Ageing in Ireland – South Dublin Report was the outcome of a collaboration between the South Dublin Age Friendly County programme and the Healthy and Positive Ageing Initiative (HaPAI). The report provides evidence about the determinants of health, wellbeing, and quality of life for older people. The information in this report supports the ongoing development and monitoring of the Age Friendly County programme in South Dublin and continues to inform our planning for an ageing population.

Selected findings from the HaPAI report under the 9 World Health Organisation themes include:

Transport

- All respondents to the HaPAI study reported that public transport was available within a 15-minute walk of their house although 6.9% reported that it was difficult to access.
- 5.7% of persons aged 55+ reported that a lack of transport in South Dublin causes difficulty for socialising or completing essential tasks
- 19% of persons aged 70+ do not drive
- 17% of persons aged 70+ reported walking difficulties.
- 60% of people in the local authority area rated public transport as good or excellent, compared with 50% nationally.

Housing

- 7% of people aged 55+ reported problems with the condition of their home.
- 13% of people aged 55+ have problems with the upkeep of their homes.
- 15% of people aged 55+ were unable to keep their houses adequately warm in the last 12 months.
- 82% were positive about adapting current home to meet their needs
- 39% would consider moving to adapted housing

Social Participation

- 20% of people aged 55-69 participate in a community group at least weekly compared to 31% of people aged 70+.
- 21% of 70+ reported that the social activities available do not interest them

Respect and Inclusion

- 5% of those aged 55-69 and 14% of those aged 70+ said that they experienced negative attitudes or behaviour towards them as an older person.
- The top two sources of negative attitudes and behaviours experienced by people aged 55+ were:
 - o 6.1% from younger people.
 - o 1.5% from those providing services in the financial sector.

Civic Participation and Employment

- 25% of people aged 55-69 and 20% of people aged 70+ Volunteer at least once a month.
- 9% of over 55's Volunteer at least weekly.
- 70% are satisfied with the amount of time they spend volunteering
- 19% would like to increase the amount of time they spend Volunteering
- 56% are satisfied with the range of volunteering options on offer.

Communication and Information

- 85% of person aged 55-69 and 61% of residents aged 70+ use the internet on a regular basis.
- 2.6% of people aged 55+ reported difficulty accessing information about health or social care compared to 5.3% for people aged 70+.

Community Support and Health Services

- 65% of people aged 55-69 and 57% of people aged 70+ say that their health is good or very good.
- 11% of people aged 70+ reported their health to be bad or very bad.
- 24% of people aged 55+ smoked, significantly higher than the national average of 14%.

Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings

- 6.6% of people aged 55-69 felt that they had great difficulty accessing essential services (e.g. public services, banking) compared to 7.6% of people aged 70+.
- 76% of people aged 55-69 and 64% of people aged 70+ stated that they had no difficulty.
- 7.2% of people aged 55-69 and 9.5% of people aged 70+ stated that they had great difficulty accessing social recreational services.

- 75% of 55-69 and 72% of 70+ had no difficulty accessing social recreational services.

Safety and Security.

- 13% of people aged 55+ reported an experience that left them concerned about their personal safety.
- 57% of those people reported this experience occurring more than once.
- 90% of people felt safe at home during the day and 86% felt safe at home at night.
- 70% felt safe out and about during the day and 54% felt safe out and about at night.

The full "Positive Ageing in Ireland – South Dublin Report" is available to view on www.sdcc.ie.



Mayors Initiative – South Dublin Together

Age Friendly County Strategy - Thematic Actions

This section of the strategy sets out our commitment to a series of thematic actions to further enhance the age friendliness of our County. Under each of the 9 World Health Organisations themes we have identified positive and proactive actions and high-level objectives to be progressed and achieved during the lifetime of this strategy. These are particularly informed by the responses to the online survey consultation (see Appendix II) and will form the basis for the more detailed operational annual programmes of actions that will be key to the implementation of the strategy.

1. Transportation

We recognise the importance of mobility for older persons living within or visiting our County. We are committed to managing and maintaining our current road network, footpaths, cycle paths, to address the needs of all road users especially older persons. Recognising that public transport is vital for many older people, we will also work with our partners to improve access to regular and safe public transport options.



LUAS Tallaght

We will:

- Consult with older persons on future public transport initiatives including road, cycle, walkway, and parking facilities
- Collaborate with key partners to work towards a coordinated transport network incorporating the needs of older people
- Lead an age friendly parking scheme across public car parking facilities and encourage private participation in this scheme
- Promote road safety awareness for older persons as part of our road safety programmes
- Support public transport initiatives for older persons

2. Housing

We recognise the need to provide appropriate housing options to meet the needs of our ageing population. We must be fully aware of needs of older people and best practice in the location, design, management and supports in our older persons' housing developments, allowing older people to live in mixed demographic communities interacting with others of different ages.

We will:

- Deliver a range of older persons housing developments across the County utilising the expertise of our Age Friendly Housing Technical Specialist along with best practice in design, location and supports harness the expertise of our to best meet the needs of older person rightsizing owners and tenants, and housing applicants



Age Friendly Housing Design

- Complete a right-sizing research study with Age Friendly Ireland and update our Rightsizing policy through the Housing SPC to maximise the potential to provide accommodation for older people in integrated, demographically mixed settings
- Develop the concept of a "Wellness Village" with strategic healthcare, academic and housing partners, as a model for future older persons supported accommodation

- Continue to provide housing adaptation grants and advise/assist older people on making their homes safe, energy efficient and how good design can make a difference when adapting homes to address age related frailties

3. Social Participation

We recognise the positive benefits that participation in community events and social interaction has for older people in enabling them to maintain existing relationships and establish new connections. It is essential that we support enhanced promotion of the range of groups, clubs, social events, and activities available for older people in our County to maximise participation.



Friarstown Allotment

We will:

- Promote the use of cultural and natural amenities for events for older people
- Work with Boards of Management of our community centres to encourage and incentivise activities and participation of older people
- Support older people's groups and activities through the community grants framework
- Consult with Tus Nua to develop annual programmes of events and activities informed by the needs of older people
- Promote activities and community groups available for Older People throughout the County through formal communications, social media, and other updates

4. Respect and Inclusion

South Dublin County Council recognise the importance of a respect and the development of an inclusive society within South Dublin. It is vital through the various networks and structures that older people's needs are represented and listened to, particularly in relation to the development of policy, plans and strategies. We want to continue to develop a county that promotes age awareness, a society where the young and old can mix and learn from another.



We will:

- Ensure Age Friendly principles are considered across all Council plans and strategies and those of our partners
- Maintain a Service Level Agreement with Irish Water which facilitates people within older age groups as priority customers and promote similar objectives for other service providers
- Refresh our Age Friendly Ambassadors to enhance promotion and awareness of Age Friendly objectives in the County
- Support our Older Person's Council, "Tus Nua", to maximise the representation of the voice of older people in public consultation processes and other engagements
- Explore opportunities for intergenerational facilities and projects that promote interaction between people of all ages

5. Civic Participation and Employment

South Dublin County Council recognises benefits of employment, volunteering, and access to further education for an older people's health and wellbeing. We aim to ensure that there are opportunities for older people to be actively involved in their community in either a voluntary capacity, or to contribute to the economic activity of our county.



Bealtaine Quiz

We will:

- Promote and recognise active citizenship and volunteering by older people
- Support opportunities for business start-up and mentoring programmes for older people through the South Dublin Local Enterprise Office
- Promote an Age Friendly Business Programme across the County
- Provide access to information and opportunities for personal progress and lifelong learning opportunities including educational bursaries for older people

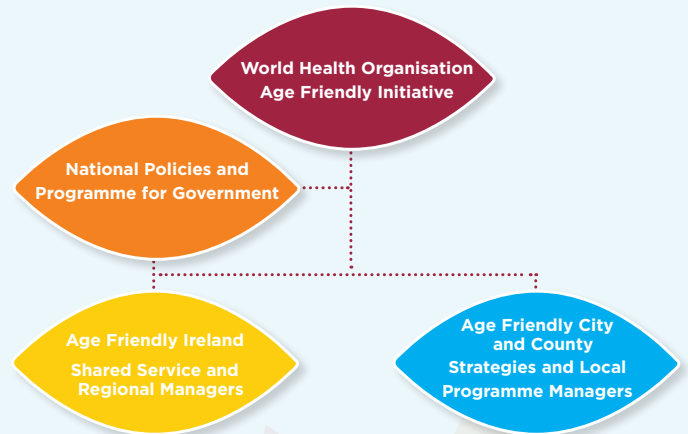
6. Communication and Information

We recognise that how we should communicate with older people has changed greatly over the last decade. It is vitally important that our older people can access reliable information about community news, activities, and events. As more services, supports and information move online, it is vital that our older persons stay connected.

We will:

- Facilitate annually briefings on topics chosen by Tus Nua and assist in the distribution of information to older people’s networks on services within the South Dublin Area
- Provide local Age Friendly news and updates through public offices, libraries, and community centres and share the national Age Friendly newsletter locally

- Maintain a dedicated page on the National Age Friendly Ireland shared service website that provides information and updates both on the Age Friendly programme within South Dublin as well as news, information, and events from Age Friendly Ireland.
- Support further initiatives to help older persons, particularly those from less advantaged backgrounds, to access, upskill and engage with ICT and social media.



7. Community Support and Health Services

South Dublin County Council recognises the importance of maintaining and developing strong relationships with the HSE along with other key stakeholders and partners who provide health care and services to older people. We will continue to develop these relationships in a partnership approach to ensure that the health and wellbeing of order persons is catered for.



Sports partnership Hell Fire walk

We will:

- Promote sport and physical exercise opportunities for older people
- Support the delivery of targeted local health programmes based on the needs of older persons in our communities including through the Healthy Ireland programme
- Support national public health awareness campaigns locally
- Promote mental health awareness campaigns and initiatives to address social isolation and loneliness amongst older people
- Continue to promote the “Healthy Ireland at Your Library” initiative

8. Outdoor Spaces and Public Buildings

South Dublin County Council recognises the importance of older people living in a community in which they can be mobile and have ease of access to vital services. Our outside spaces and public buildings play an important role in assisting in the mobility and the quality of life of our older people. The way in which we design and maintain our outdoor spaces and public buildings will ultimately contribute to the ability of older people to participate in their community.



Clondalkin round tower

We will:

- Uphold the Barcelona Declaration, which the Council is a signatory to, ensuring universal access to public open spaces

- Identify priority areas in South Dublin for designated as Age Friendly places and introduce measures to maximise the accessibility and facilitation of older persons in those places as a model to be replicated in other areas of the County
- Support the provision of spaces that allow older people to meet and socialise in a community setting, including in intergenerational facilities
- Ensure that Age and Dementia Friendly design and planning principals are embedded in all our planning and development.
- Examine age appropriate permeability options in conjunction with our Older Persons' Council

9. Safety and Security

We recognise the importance of older people feeling safe and secure in their home and community. We will work with An Garda Síochana and other stakeholders to support address concerns that older people have in relation to safety and security and particularly to support more vulnerable older persons in the County.

We will:

- Continue to support An Garda Síochana through the Joint Policing Committee in promoting strategies and actions around safety for older people
- Support Local Policing Fora to identify and address issues of concern for older people
- Continue to develop and implement programmes and initiatives to promote safety and security for older people at home and outside
- Consult with older people to identify keys areas issues of safety concern in the public realm and address these through safety initiatives and works in conjunction with An Garda Síochana and other agencies as necessary

Implementation and Monitoring

As the adopting authority, South Dublin County Council shall have ultimate responsibility for implementation of this strategy. Our facilitation of and support for the County Age Friendly Alliance will be an essential part of that implementation. We will support and work progressively with all our partners on the alliance, particularly our Older Person's Council, to achieve our common objectives.

Our County Age Friendly Alliance will report formally to the Council's Elected Members annually on progress on the implementation of the Strategy. The alliance will be refreshed

and strengthened to reflect its status and importance.

The Council's Social, Community and Equality Strategic Policy Committee will have a key oversight role and will receive regular reports and updates on progress and key issues relating to the strategy.

Successful implementation of the actions within this strategy requires the continued building up of the Age Friendly agenda within South Dublin County Council as well other state agencies and the wider community and voluntary sector.

The Council's Age Friendly Programme Manager has a critical role in driving and coordinating the delivery of the actions of this strategy including by:

- Facilitating and supporting the Age Friendly Alliance
- Working closely with South Dublin's Older People's Council, Tus Nua, to ensure that they are fully supported in their role and objectives
- Working with the national Age Friendly Ireland shared service and the Regional Managers for Dublin to harness expertise and guidance as well as to promote our local Age Friendly activities and initiatives nationally
- Preparing a detailed annual work programme with a range of specific actions and targets, based on current and emerging national and international best practice, to deliver on the commitments and meet the objectives of this strategy
- Identifying and reporting on progress and a range of key metrics relating to the strategy
- Engaging with senior managers across all departments to ensure all Council plans and policies are age friendly proofed
- Developing, progressing, and consolidating relationships with key stakeholders in relevant state agencies and the community and voluntary sector
- Managing and reporting on the Council's dedicated Age Friendly budget and associated funding allocations.

Appendices

- (i) Age Friendly Survey and consultations with Tus Nua
- (ii) Reports and Reference Material
 - HAPAI Report for South Dublin County Council 2016
 - Age Friendly Cities and Counties Programme Handbook
 - WHO World Health Organisation
 - Age Friendly Ireland
 - Central Statistics Office
- (iii) Age Friendly Ireland Guidelines and Toolkits

Age Friendly Survey and consultations with Tus Nua

In Early 2020, Consultations were had with Tus Nua in relation to the new strategy. Due to the impact of Covid-19 it was not feasible to hold face to face consultations with older persons groups and representatives. In order to combat this an online Survey was developed.

The Age Friendly Strategy Survey was launched on the 29th of July and ran for a period of 3 weeks commencing on the 21st of August 2020. A total number of 77 respondents took part.

This Survey was promoted via our social media platforms, through the PPN and by Age Friendly Ireland's Daily Newsletter. It was sent to all our Registered Age Friendly Networks and groups and promoted by Tus Nua.

Survey results

Are you a member of an older persons' group or club?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	32	41.56%
No	45	58.44%

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0

Would you be interested in joining a local group or club?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	41	53.25%
No	4	5.19%

Answered: 45 Skipped: 32

Are you aware of the following events/initiatives for older people supported by South Dublin County Council?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Bealtaine Festival	40	51.95%
55+ activity planner	23	29.87%
Men's sheds	53	68.83%
Senior Games	9	11.69%
Social Inclusion Festival	17	22.08%
None of the above	16	20.78%

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0

What best describes your experience as an older person in South Dublin County?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Very positive	12	15.58%
Positive	21	27.27%
Neither positive nor negative	27	35.06%
Negative	12	15.58%
Very negative	5	6.49%

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0

Do you think there is good communication with older people? Do you hear about what's happening in your area?

Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	24	31.17%
No	53	68.83%

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0

If you needed to find out information related to ageing (either for yourself or a family member), please indicate the likelihood of using each of the following sources of information:

Answers	Count	Percentage
Print media (e.g. newspapers)	29	37.66%
TV/Radio	29	37.66%
Internet	49	63.64%
Library	27	35.06%
Healthcare Providers	23	29.87%
55+ Centres or groups	17	22.08%
Age Friendly Ireland	6	7.79%
South Dublin County Council	20	25.97%
Word-of-mouth	48	62.34%
Family/friends	50	64.94%

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0

Overall "age-friendliness" of physical infrastructure

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	2	2.6%
Very Good	15	19.48%
Good	19	24.68%
Fair	31	40.26%
Poor	10	12.99%

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0

Overall “age-friendliness” of residents in County

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	4	5.19%
Very Good	14	18.18%
Good	23	29.87%
Fair	22	28.57%
Poor	11	14.29%

Answered: 74 Skipped: 3

Overall “age-friendliness” of local businesses

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	2	2.6%
Very Good	16	20.78%
Good	20	25.97%
Fair	29	37.66%
Poor	8	10.39%

Answered: 75 Skipped: 2

Overall “age-friendliness” of government agencies/services

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	2	2.6%
Very Good	11	14.29%
Good	16	20.78%
Fair	22	28.57%
Poor	22	28.57%

Answered: 73 Skipped: 4

Access to transport

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	2	2.6%
Very Good	10	12.99%
Good	29	37.66%
Fair	23	29.87%
Poor	13	16.88%

Answered: 77 Skipped: 0

Access to Quality of housing

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	0	0%
Very Good	6	7.79%
Good	24	31.17%
Fair	19	24.68%
Poor	23	29.87%

Answered: 72 Skipped: 5

Social opportunities

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	3	3.9%
Very Good	4	5.19%
Good	19	24.68%
Fair	32	41.56%
Poor	16	20.78%

Answered: 74 Skipped: 3

Opportunities for civic participation

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	3	3.9%
Very Good	2	2.6%
Good	2	25.97%
Fair	31	40.26%
Poor	14	18.18%

Answered: 70 Skipped: 7

Employment opportunities

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	0	0%
Very Good	2	2.6%
Good	10	12.99%
Fair	24	31.17%
Poor	30	38.96%

Answered: 66 Skipped: 11

Communication and access to information

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	2	2.6%
Very Good	9	11.69%
Good	18	23.38%
Fair	24	31.17%
Poor	2	28.57%

Answered: 75 Skipped: 2

Opportunities to access Community support and health services

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	3	3.9%
Very Good	8	10.39%
Good	16	20.78%
Fair	25	32.47%
Poor	20	25.97%

Answered: 72 Skipped: 5

Opportunities to access Outdoor spaces and public buildings

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	5	6.49%
Very Good	14	18.18%
Good	21	27.27%
Fair	23	29.87%
Poor	11	4.29%

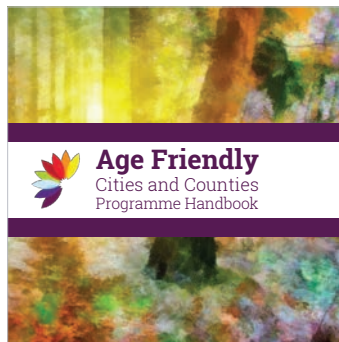
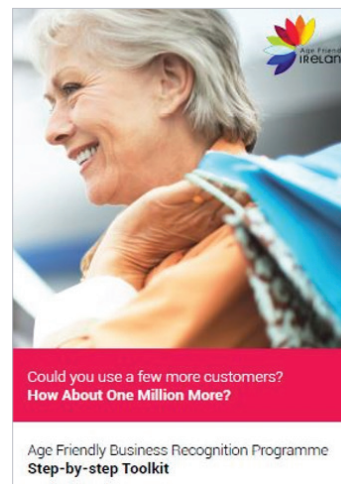
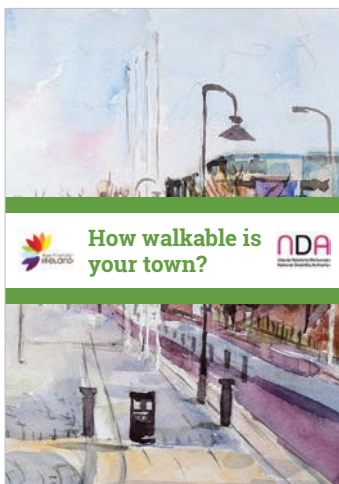
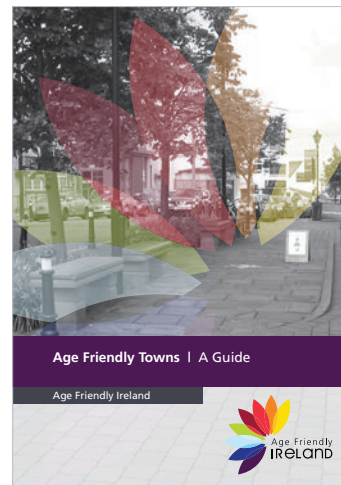
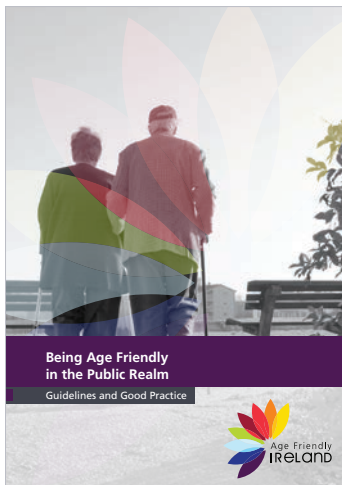
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Safety and Security

Answers	Count	Percentage
Excellent	3	3.9%
Very Good	9	11.69%
Good	21	27.27%
Fair	22	28.57%
Poor	19	24.68%

Answered: 74 Skipped: 3

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