

## Research to inform the development of a cross-government research programme on children and young people in Ireland (DCEDIY)

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### **Aim and objectives:**

The overall aim of this project is to carry out formative research to help inform the planning and development of a cross-governmental programme of research centred on children, adolescents and young people.

### **Design/Methods:**

Two data collection and analysis exercises were carried out:

- 1) A scoping review to map research carried out in Ireland (2011-2023) on children, adolescents and young people to the Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures (2014-2020) framework and to analyse gaps thereof, and;
- 2) A qualitative study with national and international policymakers to gain further insight into the gaps in the research landscape on children and young people in Ireland, to investigate barriers and facilitators to the use of evidence in policy-making in Ireland, and to explore challenges and opportunities in developing a cross-governmental research programme.

### **Results:**

Interviews were conducted with 15 policy-makers. Three-hundred and twelve studies were included in the review and mapped to BOBF outcomes, aims and indicators.

A report has been submitted to the Department and is currently under review.

### **Dissemination**

#### **Report**

A full report on the scoping review and interview findings has been submitted to the DCEDIY.

#### **Poster presentation**

**Maloney, M., Vaughan, E., Howard, A., Mathur, R.T., Kelly, C. (2024).** Mapping Research Evidence and Gaps to Support the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People in Ireland: Protocol for a Series of Rapid Scoping Reviews. Poster presentation at *Future Research, College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Science, University of Galway*, Galway, 29 May 2024. See: <https://stories.universityofgalway.ie/mapping-research-evidence-and-gaps-to-support-the-national-policy-framework-for-children-and-young-people-in-ireland-protocol-for-a-series-of-rapid-scoping-reviews/index.html>