

What is IHI? (Individual Health Identifier)

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my name is

An Individual Health Identifier or IHI is a number that uniquely and safely identifies each person that has used, is using or may use a health or social care service in Ireland.

The IHI project is being rolled out across the HSE with an initial focus on acute and GP services.

The IHI was used successfully embedded during COVID-19 matching

4.16 million records.

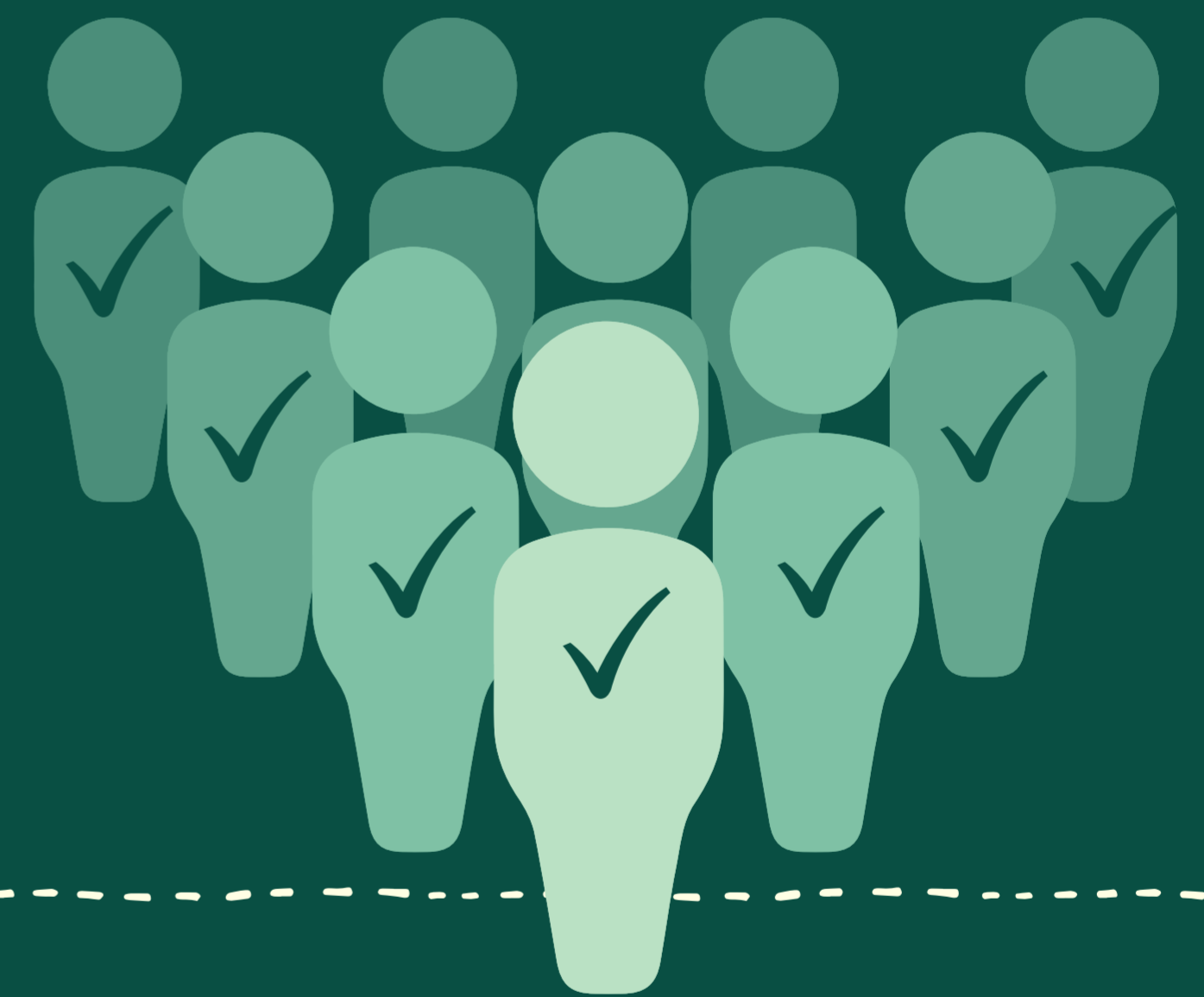
- ✓ Surname
- ✓ Forename
- ✓ Date of birth
- ✓ Place of birth
- ✓ Sex
- ✓ All former surnames
- ✓ Mother's surname and all her former surnames

- ✓ Address
- ✓ Nationality
- ✓ Photograph
- ✓ Signature
- ✓ Personal public service number (if any)
- ✓ Date of death in case of a deceased individual

The IHI is an identifier record and **does not** contain medical records, the information held on the IHI includes

Who is issued with an IHI?

Everyone who uses our services will have an IHI number assigned by the HSE that is only assigned to them and will never be reallocated to anyone else even after death.



The main benefit of IHI is to ensure patient safety by correctly identifying a patient.

IHI will help to improve the accuracy in associating medical records held in different healthcare organisations so they are correctly attributed.

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