



## From 58 to 27: proposed changes in agencies

The Prospectus report proposes that 58 health agencies should be reduced to 27. The changes would result in:

- the functions of the Crisis Pregnancy Agency, the National Council on Ageing and Older People, the Office of Tobacco Control (*right*) and the Women's Health Council being transferred to the Department of Health;
- the abolition of the Board for the Employment of the Blind and the Hospitals Trust Board;
- the National Shared Services Centre taking over the functions of the General Medical Service Payments Board and the Eastern Health Shared Services;
- the new Health Service Executive (HSE) taking on the functions of the Health Boards Executive and the National Breast Screening Board;
- the Health Services Employers' Agency and the Office for Health Management being transferred to the HSE;
- the National Disease Surveillance Centre, National Cancer Registry Board and the Irish Health Services Accreditation Board becoming divisions in the Health Information and Quality Authority.

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- the Pre-Hospital Emergency Care Council and the National Social Work Qualifications Board being amalgamated with the Health and Social Care Professionals Council;
- the structures and functions of 11 agencies being retained. These include: the Irish Medicines Board; Adoption Board; Food Safety Authority of Ireland; National Children's Office; National Children's Advisory Council; Special Residential Services Board; Food Safety Promotion Board; Institute of Public Health; the Opticians Board, and the Mental Health Commission;
- the Irish Medicines Board taking over the functions of the Poisons Council.