



General Election 2024

Epilepsy Ireland, the national patient organisation representing people with epilepsy and their families, are calling on candidates for the 2024 General Election to commit to progressing their key advocacy campaigns if elected. These include:

- Enhancing Epilepsy Services & Infrastructure nationally to improve access to specialist services and treatments for the 45,000 people living with epilepsy in Ireland.
- Expanding the HSE's Chronic Disease Management Programme to include epilepsy, encouraging collaboration between people with epilepsy and their GPs and reducing pressure on specialist services.
- Developing a National Strategy to reduce the estimated 130 epilepsy-related deaths in Ireland and taking targeted action to save lives.
- Making Ireland's schools seizure-safe for the 10,000 children with epilepsy of school going age by ensuring all teachers are trained in seizure first aid and epilepsy awareness as part of initial teacher training.
- Ensuring Ireland's 2022 commitment to implementing the WHO Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other Neurological conditions is met and a cross-departmental taskforce is established to progress agreed targets.

To learn more about each of these advocacy campaigns, visit www.epilepsy.ie