

# Press Release



## Ireland ranked 9<sup>th</sup> for diabetes care; trails the UK in the first Euro Consumer Diabetes Index

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**Ireland diabetes care was ranked 9<sup>th</sup> in Europe at the launch of the first Euro Consumer Diabetes Index. Denmark led the Diabetes Index followed by the UK, France and the Netherlands. This result represents a big step forward compared to the Irish performance in the 2008 Euro Health Consumer and Heart Indexes, where Ireland achieved 16<sup>th</sup> in both.**

The Diabetes Index compares care systems around Europe from a consumer point of view. In five categories, covering 26 performance indicators, Ireland scored 733 points from a potential 1,000.

"Diabetes teams are over run with patients and we see a need of more qualify staff (both doctors and nurses). The long waiting times is not acceptable and leads to risks for complications," says Dr. Beatriz Cebolla Garrofé, Project Manager for the Diabetes Index.

### **What more could be done in Ireland to improve diabetes care?**

"We believe that an open and transparent diabetes registry would improve the care outcomes." states the President of the Health Consumer Powerhouse, Mr. Johan Hjertqvist, analysing Ireland's performance in the Index.

### **About the Index**

The Euro Consumer Diabetes Index provides the first ever ranking of European diabetes healthcare systems across five key areas: Information, Consumer Rights and Choice; Access; Prevention; Generosity and Outcomes. The Diabetes Index is sourced from public statistics and independent research. The producer is the analysis and information organisation; Health Consumer Powerhouse. As with all other HCP Indexes, the organisation takes a consumer-centred position. The Index is produced with the help of an unrestricted grant from Pfizer Inc.

For more information and the explanatory report:

[http://www.healthpowerhouse.com/archives/cat\\_media\\_room.html](http://www.healthpowerhouse.com/archives/cat_media_room.html)

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