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<b>Lead topic: Prevention and Early Intervention</b>	<b>Sub-topic:</b>	<b>Contact: Judith Brady</b>
<b>FAST FACTS</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Programme for Government provided for the establishment of a Prevention and Early Intervention Unit, with a focus both on children and early years and older people with chronic conditions.</b></li><li>• <b>The Prevention and Early Intervention Unit (PEIU) has been established within DPER (May 2017).</b></li><li>• <b>PEIU is currently engaging with officials in the Departments of Children &amp; Youth Affairs and Health in order to determine how best it can contribute to policy in this area.</b></li></ul>		
<b>Q&amp;A'S</b>		
What is the progress to date?		
The PEIU has commenced a process of engagement with the relevant officials in the Departments of Children & Youth Affairs and Health to agree a shared definition of what is encompassed by prevention and early intervention and to then identify the relevant policies and programmes and the associated public resources.		
With these Departments, the PEIU is also examining how best it can bring value on a cross departmental basis to on-going work in this policy area.		
The PEIU will continue to interact with relevant officials and wider stakeholders in this area and will produce a report on developments for the Oireachtas in 2018.		