



# Women's Health Taskforce

15<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
5th November 2021

The Taskforce is working to **implement a set of agreed actions** to improve priority areas for women's health

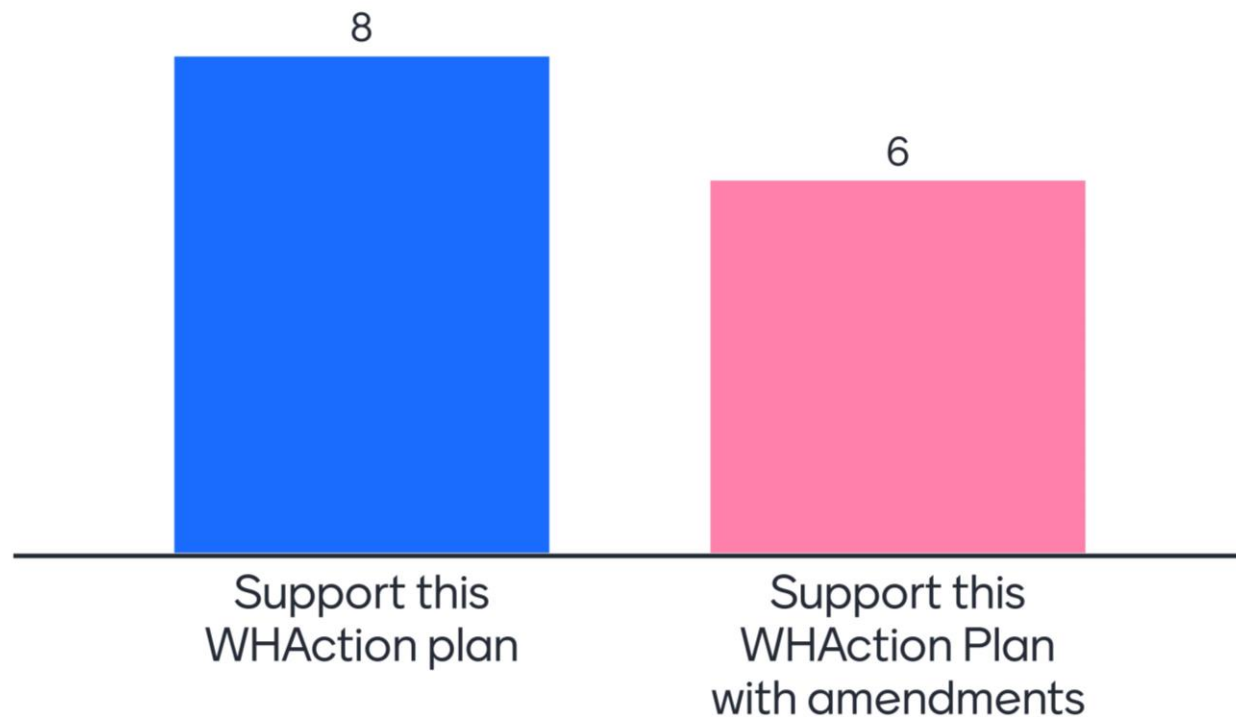
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**The purpose of the fifteenth meeting was to:**

- Reflect on activity of the Taskforce to date
- Looking ahead to next steps
- Gauge level of support for draft Action Plan 2022
- Hear from members: Feedback on draft Action Plan 2022

Looking at the draft Action Plan, Taskforce members considered their **level of support...**

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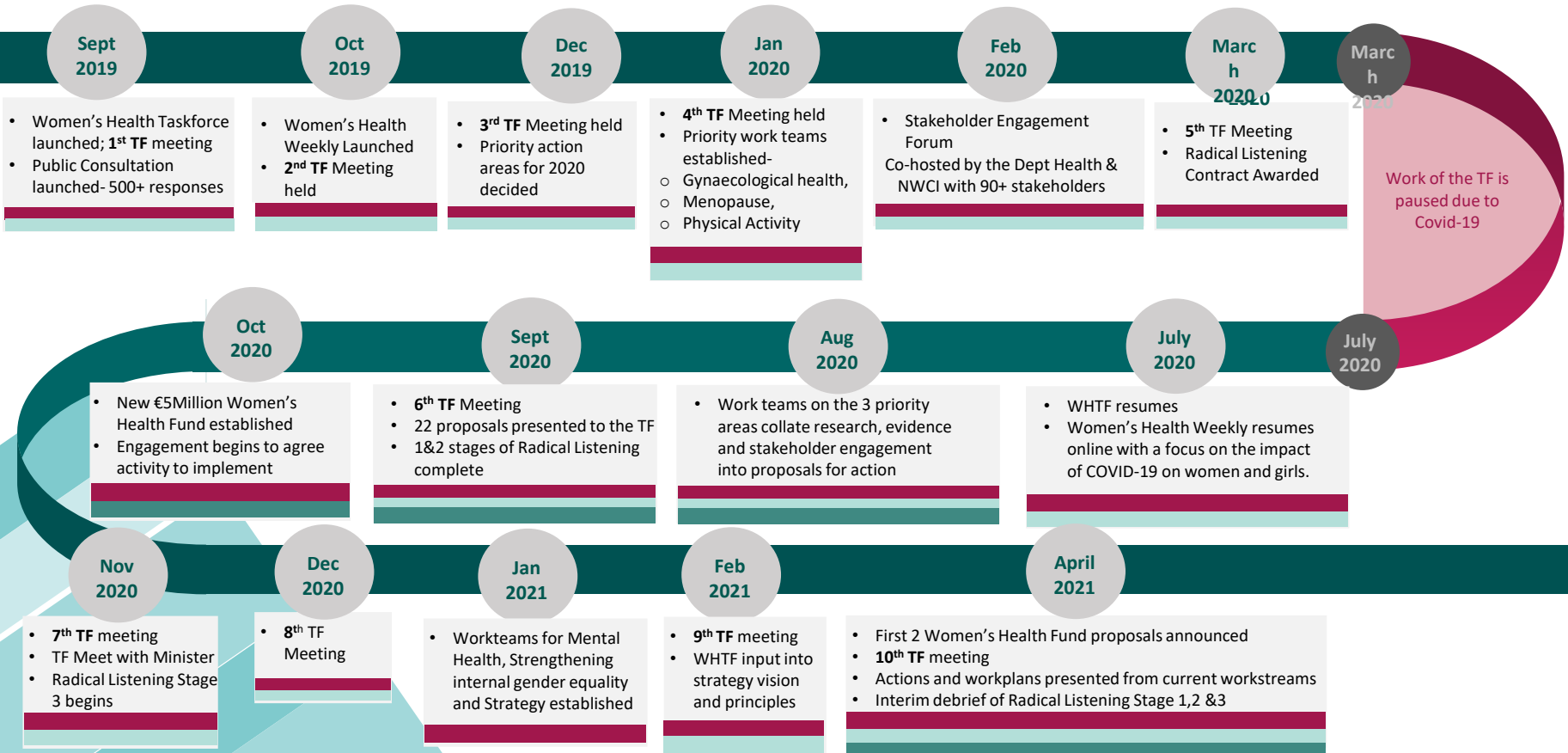
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May  
2021

- Radical Listening Exercise: Information Sharing Event

June July  
2021

- 11th TF Meeting
- 12th TF Meeting
- WHW - Traveller and Roma Women & Girls
- WHW - Birth Trauma
- Internal Engagement with Policy Units
- 13th TF Meeting

Aug  
Sept  
2021

- 14th TF Meeting
- Clinician Round tables:
  - Obstetrics and Gynaecology
  - General Practitioners
  - Nursing and Midwifery
- Draft priority testing with the WHTF: Stocktake
- Radical Listening Report Launch
- WHW - Health Workforce Education
- PO Roundtable
- Strawman exercise

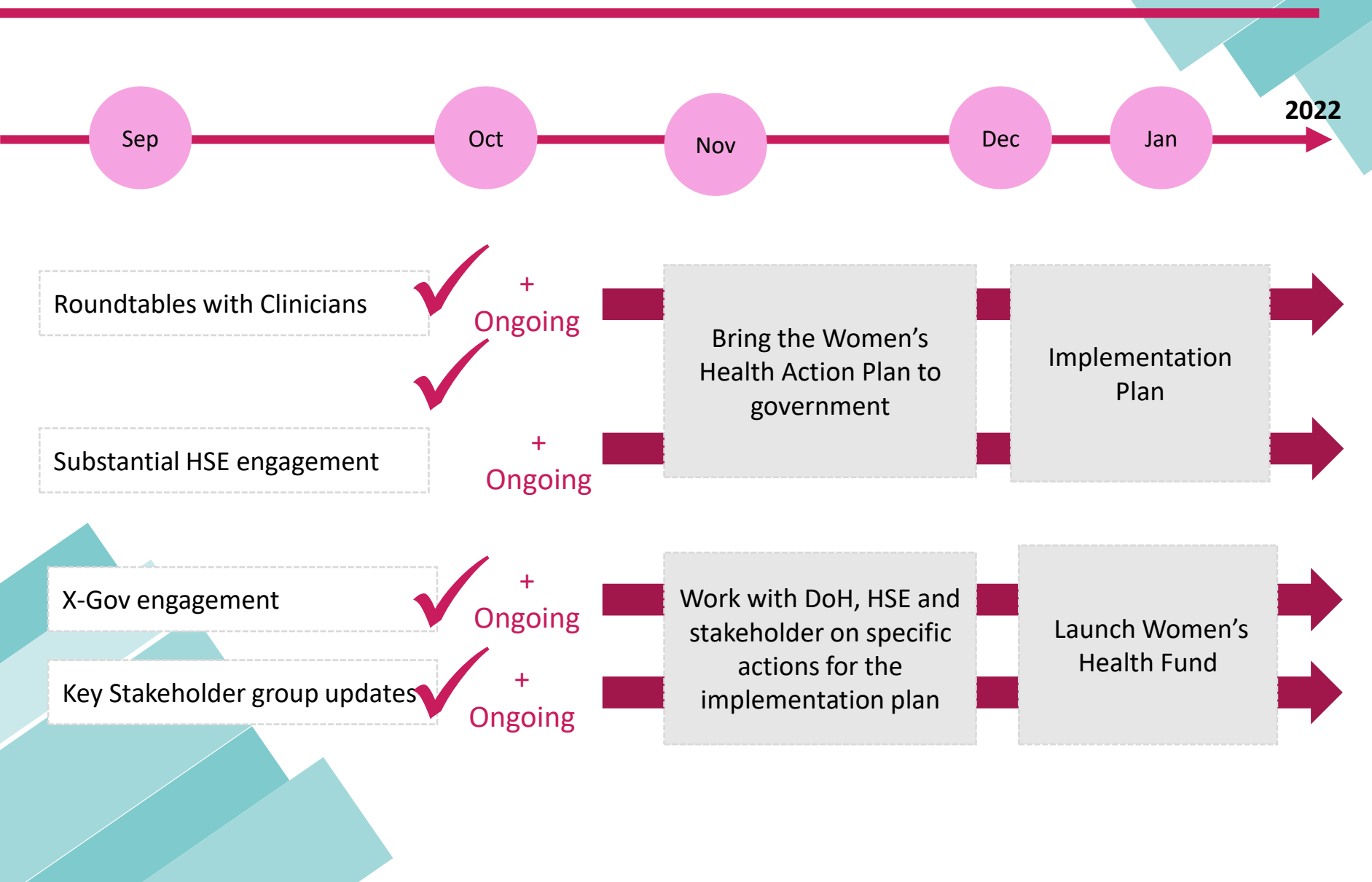
Oct  
2021

- WHW – Trans Health (TENI)
- External Taskforce Members Roundtable
- Let's Talk Menopause – Civil Service event

Nov/Dec  
2021

- NSWG WHT Draft Action Plan Presentation
- RCSI WHT Draft Action Plan Presentation
- Women's Health **Priority Areas Events series**
- CS Menopause workplace training
- **Radical Listening**: Marginalised voices

# Taskforce members looked ahead to the next steps...



## Members gave their **Feedback** on the Action Plan...

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- The social determinants of women's health need to be included.
- Would like to see abortion care and safe access zones mentioned.
- The importance of cross-government collaboration could be emphasised more.
- Has the role of HIQA been fully considered?
- Include a commitment around monitoring and measuring through equality data.
- Need for more focus on gender in health research in general.
- Careful consideration on terminology on addiction and addiction services, where women seem to already experience additional stigma and bias.
- Would like to see a specific mention of tobacco use and Tobacco-Free Ireland as a partnership strategy.
- Would like to see impacts of COVID on women mentioned in plan.

## Next steps in our Work Programme

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- Opportunity for other Taskforce Members to let us know if there are any key steps or feedback we need to hear at this stage to strengthen our work.
- Further refinement of Action Plan and submission to Minister
- Bring the Women's Health Action Plan to government
- We will be in touch shortly.
- The next meeting will take place on **x**



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