

# Meeting of the National Enterprise Hub Contact Group

25 March 2025, 11:30am

## Attendees

### In person:

Kieran Comerford, Local Enterprise Office  
Amanda Horan, Failte Ireland  
Eoin Fahey, Department of Agriculture  
Sean Caribini, Revenue  
Aoife O'Sullivan, Skillnet  
Elizabeth Finnegan, Bord Bia  
Ciara Roca, Enterprise Ireland  
Conor O'Donovan, Enterprise Ireland

### Online:

Fiona Collier, Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland  
Louise MacAvin, Solas  
Helen Burke, IDA  
Ray Sheehy, Department of Agriculture

### Secretariat:

Patrick Sinnott, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment  
Ashley Long, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment  
Hazel Carroll, Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

## Note of meeting

Patrick Sinnott opening the meeting by thanking the group for their continued support for the hub, he then opened the floor to any general thoughts or opinions on the current workings of the group and the website.

He then handed over to Ciara Roca who presented on the update from the operation group and the performance statistics of the site for February. An open discussion around the search functionality of the 250 supports was had.

Ciara encouraged members to avail of the new promotional campaign area of the site to highlight upcoming supports etc. Ciara then gave an overview on the current marketing strategy and spoke on the upcoming promotional videos.

Ciara also outlined the that a trial phase of a form being used between the NEH and Failte Ireland to refer businesses back to the NEH to ensure they are getting information on the full suite of supports available. After this trial phase it is planned to role this function out to any agency/Department that feel it would benefit them.

Failte Ireland also suggested that agencies/Departments could do an end of year information sheet on the referrals they received and what supports were granted. There was an issue raised here as sometimes the time frame can be quite long for some supports so it might not be accurate. Revenue noted that some of their stats on supports received are published on their website.

There was then a high level open discussion about the current data sharing between members in relation to referrals. It was suggested that members could begin conversations within their Departments/agencies on what would need to be done to implement further data sharing etc between agencies.

Patrick gave dates for the remaining meetings for this year and that DETE would share a diary invite for these, with no other comments he thanked people for their attendance and closed the meeting.

## **Actions arising**

- Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment to share diary invites for remainder of meeting dates for the year.
- Ciara to put together list of the types of data that it might be useful for Departments/agencies to consider.
- Ciara to send a brief overview of referrals to Kieran to give him a general idea of them.