

# HE SUICIDE CRISIS ASSESSMENT NURSE SERVICE

## ❑ What is SCAN?

- The Suicide Crisis Assessment Nurse (SCAN) service aims to provide a timely response to appropriate requests for assessment of patients in suicidal crisis from a GP.

## ❑ Who is eligible to access a SCAN service?

- Patients presenting urgently to the GP with suicidal ideation but who do not require to be seen in an ED setting for physical health reasons and who do not require direct referral by the GP to secondary care mental health services.
- A GP can refer any patient over 18 years to the SCAN nurse (adult).
- CAMHS SCAN service is only available in North Dublin for under 18 year olds.



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## ❑ How do I make a referral?

- Referral to the SCAN CNS is only by direct telephone contact from the GP.

## ❑ Where will the assessment take place?

- The assessment will take place in a primary care setting.

## ❑ What will happen following assessment?

- Following the assessment there will be a discussion between the SCAN CNS and GP.
- The patient will receive a collaborative written safety plan.



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