

Note of meeting: SC SPHE Development Group #4

March 1st, 2023

		Decisions and Actions
1. Agenda and minutes	The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the group and the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed with no matters arising.	
2. Updates from Board and Council	<p><u>Junior Cycle SPHE</u> The group were informed that the updated Junior Cycle specification was warmly welcomed at Board for Junior Cycle and Council and is now with the Minister.</p> <p><u>Senior Cycle SPHE</u> The group were informed that the report on the consultation on the Background Paper and Brief for redevelopment of Senior Cycle SPHE was noted at Council and approval was given for the Development Group to continue their work based on the development of a 60-hour SPHE specification for all students across the final two years of senior cycle.</p>	
3. Strands of study and learning outcomes	<p>The three cross-cutting elements of Thinking critically and empathetically, Exercising rights and responsibilities and Being Health Literate were agreed as appropriate for SC SPHE as they show progression from JC and are age/stage relevant.</p> <p>The draft stand outline and learning outcomes were discussed, and suggestions noted.</p> <p>Implementation supports and SPHE teacher professional development needs were also discussed.</p>	Feedback will inform the redrafting of learning outcomes for review at April meeting
4. Teaching and Learning in SPHE	The draft text for this section of the specification was agreed with some additions and small changes suggested.	Feedback will be taken into account in redrafting this section of the template
5. Review template for developing SC specification	Discussion followed a presentation on the updated technical form of a curriculum specification.	Decision taken to include a short narrative description of each strand before each set of LOs
6. JC SPHE toolkit	The Group reviewed the LOs in the updated Junior Cycle SPHE specification and identified the LOs that teachers may find most challenging and require additional information regarding the expectations of	Executive to begin work in developing

	learning and questions to be addressed in the classroom. The application of this model of guidance for SC SPHE was also discussed.	additional guidance to support JC updated specification.
AOB	None	
Date for next meeting	April 20 th , 2023	