

## AUTHORS

The main authors of this *State of the Nation's Children* report are:

- Sinéad Hanafin, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
- Anne-Marie Brooks, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
- Alan Macken, Office of the Minister for Children and Youth Affairs
- Gerry Brady, Central Statistics Office
- Reamonn McKeever, Central Statistics Office
- Carol Judge, Central Statistics Office
- Bernie Ryan, Central Statistics Office
- Saoirse Nic Gabhainn, Health Promotion Research Centre, National University of Ireland, Galway
- Aoife Gavin, Health Promotion Research Centre, National University of Ireland, Galway

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We would like to thank all the people and organisations who provided data for this 2008 report, especially: Aisling Mulligan, Economic and Social Research Institute (Hospital In-Patient Enquiry System); Antoinette Daly, Health Research Board (National Psychiatric In-Patient Reporting System); Census Enquiries, Central Statistics Office; Crime and Criminal Justice Statistics, Central Statistics Office; Eileen Connolly, Department of Health and Children (Childcare Interim Dataset); EU-SILC Division, Central Statistics Office; Garda National Juvenile Office (crime statistics); Fionnola Kelly and Caraiosa Kelly, Health Research Board (National Intellectual Disability Database); Gerry Shiel, Education Research Centre (PISA); Gillian Golden and Nicola Tickner, Department of Education and Science (statistics on education expenditure and school attendance); Gráinne Cosgrove and Hugh Magee, Department of Health and Children (Hospital In-Patient Enquiry System); Jason Sibley and Anna Lloyd, National Treatment Purchase Fund (Patient Treatment Register); John Nolan, John McCusker, Barry McGinn and Aidan Waterstone, Health Service Executive (Childcare Interim Dataset); Mary Ann O'Donovan, Health Research Board (National Physical and Sensory Disability Database); Michal Molcho and Colette Kelly, Health Promotion Research Centre, National University of Ireland, Galway (HBSC); Sheelagh Bonham, Economic and Social Research Institute (National Perinatal Reporting System); Suzanne Cotter, Health Protection Surveillance Centre (Immunisation Uptake Statistics); and Vital Statistics, Central Statistics Office.

We are also very grateful to all the people who provided feedback on individual indicators.