

A WORLD LEADING SYSTEM FOR ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT IN NORTHERN IRELAND



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KEY

- Financial support
- Integrated approach to policy development
- Foundation & participation
- Talent identification & development system
- Athletic & post-career support
- Training facilities
- Coaching provision & coach development
- Scientific research
- (Inter)national competition
- Agency partners

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Financial support

- Input through:
 - Revenue
 - Capital
 - Lottery
 - Specific financial support through programmes; e.g.
 - Investing in Performance Sport (Governing Bodies)
 - Practitioner Development Programme (High Performance)
 - Active Communities
 - Sport Matters

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Integrated approach to policy development

- Sport Matters: The Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport & Physical Recreation – reference point for development.
- Harnessing All Ireland Partnerships with Irish Sports Council, Coaching Ireland & Irish Institute of Sport
- Harnessing UK partnerships with UK Sport, Home Country Sports Councils, sports coach UK and National Institutes of Sport

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Foundation & participation

- Increasing lifelong participation through specific targeted action;
 - Club Development Programme
 - Active Communities Programme
 - Women, older people and people with disabilities
 - Governing Body System Building
 - Active8

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Talent identification & development system

- Development of a Northern Ireland Talent System:
 - To refine how potentially elite athletes are identified, confirmed and developed
 - Establishment of the Northern Ireland Talent Network
 - Supported by investment in governing bodies through IIPS
 - Supported by specific regional partnerships
 - Supported by Sport Northern Ireland and the Sports Institute for Northern Ireland
 - Informed by international developments

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Athletic & post-career support

- Investment to support the training and competition programmes of elite athletes
- Investment to support athlete living costs
- Performance Planning and Performance Lifestyle services through the Sports Institute
- Building of governing body systems to support athletes.

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Training facilities

- Elite Facilities – 50m Pool development in North Down
- Sports Institute for Northern Ireland
 - Integrated service support
 - Services provided across; Performance Planning, Performance Skills, Sports Science, Sports Medicine, Strength & Conditioning.
 - Performer Development Centres

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Coaching provision & coach development

- Establishment of a Northern Ireland Coaching Development System;
 - Coaching System building with Governing bodies through the Investing in Performance Sport Programme
 - The creation of a high performance practitioner workforce through the Practitioner Development Programme
 - Creation of a professional coaching workforce through the Active Communities Programme and the IIPS programme.
 - Constructive partnerships with scUK and Coaching Ireland
 - Establishment of a Northern Ireland Coaching Network

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Scientific research

- Sport Northern Ireland Research targeting key policy factors.
- Specific sports science and sports medicine research through the Sports Institute.
- Application of research findings within the planning process.

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(Inter)national competition

- Athlete Investment Programme supporting Northern Ireland athletes to compete at the highest level internationally
- Sports Institute creating a world leading environment for athletes
- Development of governing body performance systems to plan and manage athletes programmes

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Agency partners

- National Governing Bodies of Sport
- Local Authorities
- Education & Library Boards
- UK Sport
- Sports coach UK
- Home Country Sports Councils
- Irish Sports Council
- Coaching Ireland