

Dr Behan is a GP practicing from Dublin 12 the last 23 years and GP Trainer for the last 10 years.

He became very interested in primary healthcare policy over the last 15 years and developed a research group with GPs Dr David Molony, Prof. Walter Cullen and other CompleteGP practice software users which performed audits of general practice activity that later informed the national policy.

Later collaboration with GP registrars at the time, Drs Patrick Smith, Anne Grace and Brendan Crosbie reviewed the quality of national healthcare statistics and performing more granular national audits of general practice activity. This collaboration and work done as an individual has been disseminated through the national media, working papers, peer-review journals as well as presentations at national and international conferences. At the time it provided an accepted rebuttal to Competition Authority and the original Sláintecare data under-reflecting GP workload.

Later its reliability was confirmed by HSE and Healthy Ireland data. It has also resulted in the HSE, the Department of Health, the Department of Expenditure and Reform, the CSO and the OECD changing various methodologies on how they collect Irish General Practice data as well as how they present it.