

Recent Statements by Political Leaders and Governmental Authorities About Men's Health

United Kingdom

In May of this year, the Labour government announced the establishment of the Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys (CPRMB). [Centre for Policy Research on Men and Boys](#) Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health, spoke positively about lifting up boys and men: "I actually think that we are all in this together, and we will succeed as a society if we're working together to tackle the injustices and inequalities that affect men and women." (see *his picture*, top of page)

The UK government previously announced that it will develop the first ever Men's Health Strategy for England: "The strategy will consider how to prevent and tackle the biggest health problems affecting men of all ages, which could include cardiovascular disease, prostate cancer and testicular cancer, as well as mental health and suicide prevention." [Men's Health Strategy for England: call for evidence - GOV.UK](#)

Ireland

Mary Butler T.D., Minister for Mental Health, stated earlier this year: "It is well-documented that women are more likely to seek access to counselling services than men, with women making up two thirds of all clients availing of our national counselling service. However, around 80% of all people who die by suicide are men. We need to make it easier for men to access help when they need it, and this initiative aims to do just that." https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-health/press-releases/minister-for-mental-health-announces-2m-for-new-counselling-supports-for-men/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

Australia

In May, the Australian Prime Minister announced the appointment of Dan Repacholi MP as the first-ever Special Envoy for Men's Health – see *photograph*, above. [Special Envoy Repacholi's biography | Health, Disability and Ageing Ministers | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#) The 30th National Men's Health Gathering will take place this month in Brisbane, from 22-24 October. In 2020, Australia launched its National Men's Health Strategy. [National Men's Health Strategy 2020–2030 | Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing](#)

New Zealand

Matt Doocey, Minister for Mental Health, commented in June, "Men's Health Week is a good and timely reminder that no one should ever feel ashamed or afraid to reach out for support with their mental health challenges in their time of need. We know men are less likely to reach out for help and are overrepresented in New Zealand's suicide statistics. This Government is working at pace to increase access to support so we can ensure when people are reaching out for support, they receive it when and where they need it." https://insidegovernment.co.nz/minister-delivers-mens-health-week-message/?utm_source=chatgpt.com

South Africa

Dr. ZL Mkhize, MP explained, “South Africa adopted the sustainable development goals (SDGs), which are founded on the principle of leaving no one behind and striving towards a healthier and safer world by 2030. The goals provide a solid framework for promoting action aimed at reducing premature mortality among men and improving men’s mental health and well-being.” [Men%26%23039%3Bs%20Health%20Strategy.pdf](#)

Canada

Mark Holland, Minister of Health & Ya’ara Saks, Minister of Mental Health commented last year, “Suicide rates among men and boys are especially concerning. Men are three times more likely to die by suicide than women.” <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/news/2024/01/message-from-the-minister-of-health-and-the-minister-of-mental-health-and-addictions-and-associate-minister-of-health---bell-lets-talk-day.html>

United States

In June, President Donald Trump issued an encouraging message for Men’s Health Week: "Under my leadership, we will relentlessly pursue a healthier future for the men of our nation. We will always lift you up rather than tear you down, and we will champion the voices, values, and wellness of hardworking American men across our country." <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/2025/06/presidential-message-on-national-mens-health-week-2025/>

In addition, several state governors have announced important men’s health initiatives. In July, for example, California Gov.

Gavin Newsome – *pictured above* – signed an Executive Order to support the mental health of boys and men. [Governor Newsom issues executive order to support young men and boys, address suicide rates | Governor of California](#)

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