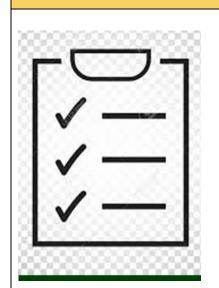


People with disabilities and their families are in Crisis

Here are 3 disability issues for Government

1. Our needs are not being met



To do list for Political Parties:

- 1. Cut long waiting lists for children's services
- 2. **More** residential supports for people (outside of emergencies)
- Over 2,000 people are still living in institutions – they need to choose where they live
- 4. More support for **aging carers** in their own home
- 5. Support People with disabilities to be able to **live the life of their choosing**.

2. Uphold our Disability Rights:

Fully put in place the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability
 We need: a Minister in the Cabinet an Oireachtas Committee on Disability to focus on Disability in ALL Government Departments.

3. Money is needed Now to Meet Our Needs	
	The Government's own figures show that €211 Million is Needed for 5 years to start to meet the Rights and Needs of People with Disability
	There have been many cuts to funding in disability services. In January in disability services there was a €20 million cut in funding. This must be STOPPED.
	"These services are needed so that we do not go backwards and that we have the support to live independently" – self advocate

These 3 Priorities must BE IN the Programme for Government