



NEXT STEPS PROJECT

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WHAT IS THE NEXT STEPS PROJECT ABOUT?

- How can we build capacity together so that our organisations can respond...
 - ...to what each individual person wants and needs
 - ...to live the life of their choosing?
 - How can people be supported to choose where they live, choose who they live with and have choices to live in the community?
 - What do people do during the day?
- How can we ensure that supports are tailored for each individual?



REPORT OF DISABILITY POLICY REVIEW

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NEW DIRECTIONS

REVIEW OF HSE DAY SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2012 - 2016

PERSONAL SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

Working Group Report
February 2012



Time to Move on from Congregated Settings
A Strategy for Community Inclusion

Report of the Working Group on Congregated Settings
Health Service Executive
June 2011

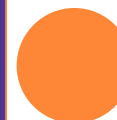


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National Housing Strategy for People
with a Disability
2011 - 2016

Department of the Environment,
Community & Local Government
October 2011



ORGANISATIONS IN THE NEXT STEPS PROJECT

- There are **21 organisations** from all around Ireland who provide services to people with intellectual disabilities taking part in the project
- Each organisation has a **representative** on the national group
- All of the organisations are part of the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability



Participating Organisations in Next Steps Project

- Brothers of Charity Clare
- Brothers of Charity Galway
- Brothers of Charity Limerick
- Brothers of Charity Southern Services
- Brothers of Charity South East
- Brothers of Charity Roscommon
- Carriglea Cairde Services
- Co-Action West Cork
- KARE
- Prosper Fingal
- Daughters of Charity Service (Dublin)
- Malta Services
- SOS Kilkenny
- St. John of God Community Services
- St. Joseph's Foundation
- St. Michael's House
- St. Margaret's Centre Donnybrook
- St. Patrick's Kilkenny
- Sunbeam House Services
- Walk

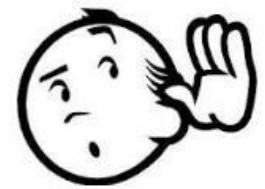
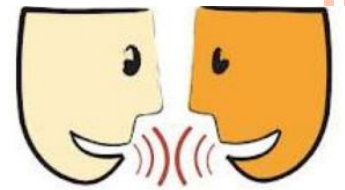
21 organisations....

- Who between them support over 11,900 people with intellectual disabilities
- From across all 4 HSE regions
- Representing Section 38 and Section 39 service providers
- Mix of residential, day and respite supports
- Religious organisations and parent & friend organisations



NEXT STEPS IS A COMMUNITY OF LEARNING

- That means that the organisations and people involved in the project talk together
- We listen to what the people using services, staff and families would like to see happening
- We work together so that we can **share our learning**



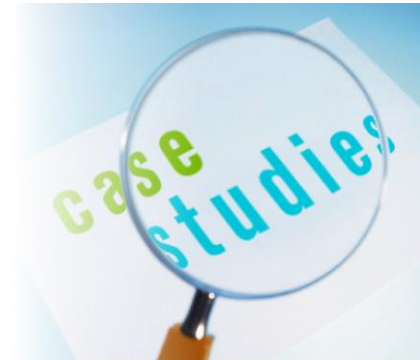
PROJECT THEMES

- Staff and Management Development
- Being involved in decisions that affect your life
- Family leadership and engagement
- Community involvement and inclusion
- Reconfiguration of service provision
- Reconfiguration of budgets
- Evidence of change in people's lives



CASE STUDIES

- Each organisation has chosen a case study
- This means that they will try out the changes with one person or a small group of people to see how they work
- We look at what is being learned to see how we can help each other move towards **individual supports**



CASE STUDIES

- Every two months we ask how everyone is getting on in their case study
- What has worked?
- What has been difficult?
- And most importantly – what have we learnt?



SHARING INFORMATION

- We come together every two months to share what we have learnt
- And to help each other
- As a **COMMUNITY of LEARNING**
- We link with other stakeholders to help overcome challenges (e.g. Housing Agency)







OUR STEERING COMMITTEE

- We set up a committee to guide our Next Steps Project
- “Nothing about us without us!”
 - We have two self advocates on the Committee



Martin Dooher from Galway and Mary Seymour from Cork

- The committee also has staff members, the HSE, parents, the Department of Health and the National Disability Authority

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEPS PROJECT?

- A community of learning
- Moving towards **individual supports**
- Sharing of information
- Honesty
- Case studies
- Benchmarked against the vision
- Changing the way we provide supports – building capacity of our member organisations
- Supports
- Barriers
- Solutions



THOUGHTS AND REFLECTION SHEET

- Why our project is called “Next Steps”
- One person at a time
- Presentations will be online
- Write or draw any thoughts
- In the next week, think about one person, and write down actions that might follow through from today’s thoughts
- Also in your pack
 - Evaluation sheet
 - Policy Summaries





Today's keynote speaker
Martin Dooher

