

Time to Move on from Congregated Settings Report

The Time to Move On from Congregated Settings Report (HSE 2011) set out the following new proposed model of accommodation and support in the community:

All housing arrangements for people moving from congregated settings should be in ordinary neighbourhoods (*dispersed housing*) in the community, with individualised supports (*supported living*) designed to meet their individual needs and wishes.

Dispersed housing

Dispersed housing means apartments and houses of the same types and sizes as the majority of the population live in, scattered throughout residential neighbourhoods among the rest of the population. All those moving from congregated settings should be provided with dispersed housing in the community, where they may:

- Choose to live on their own
- Share with others who do not have a disability
- Share their home with other people with a disability (to a maximum of four people with a disability)
- Opt for long-term placement with a family.

Supported living

Supported living means providing the range and type of individualised supports to enable each person to live in the home of their choice and be included in their community. Forms of individualised supports include:

In-home support

In-home supports are those forms of support that enable the person to live independently and safely in their own home. As well as support provided by paid staff, *Smart Technology* (technologies used to support people to remain independent in their own homes) should form part of the new model of in-home support.

Inclusion support

Inclusion supports are those supports aimed at facilitating each individual to develop active linkages and relationships with services and people in their own locality and local community.

Community-based Primary Care and Specialist Supports

HSE Primary Care teams should be the first point of access for all medical and social care including public health nursing, home help services, meals on wheels, social work, psychological interventions, with a clear pathway to secondary specialist disability-specific teams when required.

Work/Further Education

A range of employment options, with appropriate supports, should be available. These services should be independent of in-home supports and should offer opportunities for meaningful work.

Person- centered planning

Each individual should develop their own person-centered plan tailored to their individual needs, wishes and choices.

Advocacy

Each individual may need the help of an advocate when making or updating his or her person-centered plan.

This document was produced as an aide memoire for the participants of Next Steps Project. It provides a summary of some key points of the Time to Move On from Congregated Settings report. It is not intended to be a full account of the report. To read the full report, please go to the following link:

<http://www.hse.ie/eng/services/Publications/services/Disability/timetomoveonfromcongregatedsettings.pdf>