

# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF VOLUNTARY BODIES

*Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disability*

The 'Voice Box Video Booth' is a physical space where people come and express their views on a topic ("What I want to say about..."). The aim of the Video Booth is to gather the views of self-advocates with intellectual disabilities and to share these views with key stakeholders.

As the regulation and inspection of the homes of people with disabilities is a very important development in the lives of people who experience this, the first topic to be explored by the Video Booth was 'What I want to say about... HIQA'. At an advocacy conference which took place on 13 October 2016 in the West County Hotel, Ennis; 360 attendees with intellectual disabilities from around the country had an opportunity to visit the Voice Box during the course of the day if they wished to record their thoughts about the lived experience of inspection.



Twenty-five people came and shared their lived experiences and their opinions on inspections and provided their consent for these views to be shared. We took particular care to ensure that the participants were given the opportunity to speak openly and honestly, without leading questions, to provide the direct, unmediated opinions of self-advocates. A wide range of views were expressed, including positive experiences of the inspection visit; concerns around privacy and choice; views on the interaction between inspection and independent living and some unintended consequences of the inspection process.

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