BUDGET 2017

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supporting choice, control and fairness for people with an intellectual disability in Ireland

Austerity measures implemented by the State have had a devastating impact on services for people with intellectual disability, and their families, throughout the country. The sector is now in crisis.

Since 2006, the low level of Capital Investment means that there are an insufficient number of new homes where people with an intellectual disability can live, and places from which individuals are supported during the day to engage and participate in community life with all its opportunities.

According to 2015 data, 4,473 people who are without a residential, day or residental support service will require these services in the period 2016-2020. Most are required immediately.

In this period of economic recovery it is imperative that people with an intellectual

disability who are in crisis are prioritised.

We call on the Government to make provision for investment of an additional €100M per annum for intellectual disability for the next five years 2017-2021.

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