

Work plan 2021 - Quality & Standards Sub-Committee

Objective	Actions
Support member organisations in dealing with challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the development of key guidance documents supporting service provision during the C-19 pandemic. Secure access to the C-19 vaccine for all people with a disability as one of the initial groups to be prioritised. Seek access to prioritised testing for Front line workers in the disability sector. Address issues / matters as they arise for Service Providers in continuing to support people with a disability during the C-19 pandemic.
Establish links with advocates and ensure that the voice of the people we support is included / reflected in our programme of work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish links with advocacy groups to inform the work of the Quality & Standards Sub Committee and ensure a 'rights based approach' is reflected and guides the work of the Committee / service provision.
Contribute to the work of the Disability Participation & Consultation Network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities to contribute to the work of this newly established Network and how people we support can directly contribute to this work.
Support implementation of the UNCRPD and achieving the rights of people with a disability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respond to the state's report on progress to date in implementing the UNCRPD. Draft a submission / contribute to the Shadow Report being developed by DPO's.
Support work underway in relation to decongregation and improve the quality of life of people living in such living environments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the work of HSE in relation to the Transforming Lives Working Group and commitments as outlined in Service Plan 2021.
'Outcomes Framework' - clarify position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Person Centred Planning Framework and associated resources to be shared.
To support member organisations engagement with HIQA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to any review of residential services regulations and also the development of 'home support' regulations. Participate in HIQA Providers Forum meetings.
Facilitate the sharing of information on the progression of the ADM Act in partnership with the National Federation ADM Reference Group.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise an information session for Sub-Committee members to update on progress to date. Contribute to the work of the ADM Reference Group as required.

Keep abreast on developments in relation to the HSE work on personalized budgets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invite HSE lead to provide update on personalized budgets.
Contribute to update of National Federation 'Disability Policy Library'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feed into the updating of the National Federation 'Disability Policy Library' to include current relevant policies relating to quality.
Develop a link with NRVSP older person's working group to keep abreast of developments on the aging supports specifically in relation to people with dementia.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a link person between the Sub-Committee and the Older person's Working Group.
Highlight the multiplicity of standards, audits etc received from multiple agencies in member organisations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a baseline of the type of frequency of external audits that Voluntary Service Providers facilitate with a view to ensuring efficiency of audit and avoiding duplication.
Identify priority issues and develop links with the Board of Directors to highlight these.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish with the Board of NRVSP the most effective communication strategy to ensure that the priority issues are escalated to key stakeholders e.g. government departments, etc. • Provide regular updates to National Federation members at the quarterly General Assembly meetings. • Consult with the wider National Federation membership on key issues / submission documents, etc.
To support the development of comprehensive / alternative person-centred models of respite.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with advocates and advocate groups regarding the future direction / design of respite services going forward. • Seek additional supports and resources for alternative types of respite. • Work to ensure that respite places aren't taken up by crisis / long-term residential placements.
Healthy Ireland Framework – to support members to engage with the HI National Framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support National Federation member organisations to engage with the HI National Framework. • Support the National Federation nominee involved in the National Planning Group.
NASS Committee -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify a second National Federation nominee to the NASS Committee and support members in updating data for the NASS system.
To liaise with the HSE Quality Improvement Division	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with the HSE quality improvement division in the development of key policy / guidance documents / appropriate implementation of the Medication Management Framework, etc.
New Directions National Implementation Group:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a feedback and consultation loop to Federation members

Support the work of the HSE Open Disclosure Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Circulate communications and participate in webinars
Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with the National Federation Safeguarding (adults and children) Implementation Group in ensuring that there issues arising in this regard are addressed with relevant stakeholders.