



National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011 - 2016

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Background

- Reports and Policy
- Stakeholder Consultation
- Research
- Result: The National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities 2011 - 2016

Strategy Vision

- ‘To facilitate access, for people with disabilities, to the appropriate range of housing & related support services, delivered in an integrated & sustainable manner, which promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice & independent living’
- 9 Strategic Aims – 80 Action Points
- Timescale 2011 - 2016

Strategic Aims

1. Equality of access to all housing options, supporting independent living;
2. Robust inter agency framework and good practice;
3. Intellectual / Physical / Mental Health Disabilities
4. Provision of advice/information and collection of Data
5. Review and monitoring framework

Implementation Phase

- Implementation approaches – more integrated
 - Dedicated Housing Subgroup;
 - Effective synergies with key partners;
 - National & local interagency approach – Housing & Disability Steering Groups;
 - Value for money
 - Progress made in 2013
 - Priority Actions have been agreed for 2014

Housing and Disability Steering Group



- New approach to delivery of service
- One in each area, chaired by Director of Services for Housing, including HSE, Disability Sector and Housing Association Representatives
- Overseeing the local implementation of the National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities, including transitioning from Congregated Settings to Community Supported Living
- Developing, monitoring and reviewing local interagency protocols and developing plans to meet the housing needs of people with disabilities
- Working with all agencies in the provision of services to people with disabilities
- Acting as a forum for the exchange of information

Progress to Date

- National guidelines for housing assessment and allocation for people transitioning from institutional settings
- Pilot of Housing and Disability Steering Group in four County/City Councils
- Pilot Housing Advice Centre, within a Housing Authority, with a strong disability focus
- Develop mechanisms/guidance to support RAS & Leasing in effectively meeting the needs, to include requirement for physical adaptations, design and location specifications
- Progress housing proposals outlined in the Congregated Settings Report

People in Need

- 4,000 people approx. in Congregated Settings
- Community Living
- Community Residences
- Living at Home
- Living independently
- Shared accommodation (friends)

Models for Delivery

- Local Authority Social Housing
- Private Rented accommodation
- Social Leasing of Private Property
- Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS)



Thank You

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