




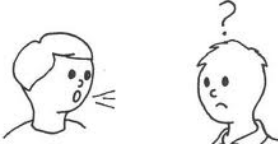













<p>Easy Read Submission on the Capacity bill by the Inclusive Research Network</p>	
<p>We are the Inclusive Research Network, a group of people with learning disability who do research. We started this work in 2008.</p>	
<p>We are supported by the National Federation of Voluntary Bodies and the National Institute for Intellectual Disability at Trinity College Dublin</p>	
<p>We do research about people moving out of institutions, how do people like where they live, and relationships and supports. (See our web site)</p>	
<p>We are making this submission about the capacity bill that has been drafted.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">AN BILLE UM CHINNTEOIREACHT CHUIDITHE (CUMAS), 2013 ASSISTED DECISION-MAKING (CAPACITY) BILL 2013</p>
<p>It is very difficult to give a response without an easy read version of the bill</p>	
<p>Some members thought we should not give a response without an easy read version.</p>	
<p>No one has come from the Law Commission to explain the Bill and ask us questions.</p>	
<p>Time was very short to respond</p>	

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<p>We cant grasp how this law will affect our lives.</p>	
<p>We don't understand the different types of help we could get - for example, informal; we think it could give a lot of power to service providers</p>	
<p>How will choices be made if wills and preferences are not known. On what will they base their decisions on?</p>	
<p>There are lots of scenarios. How will they play out?</p>	
<p>We are afraid that once things have been put in place it won't be possible to change them.</p>	
<p>What happens when a professional assesses your capacity? What if they get it wrong?</p>	
<p>What power do families have in making decisions about relationships?</p>	
<p>We think they will ask a lot of questions and will be worried about sexually transmitted disease.</p>	

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Why are families making decisions about care?
Some people think their families don't know them
very well and they don't want them to be
involved.



The bill does not deal with relationships. We
know it is our right to have sexual relationships
under the (United Nations) Convention on the
Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We were **told**
by the Law Reform Commission that the Criminal
Law (Sexual Offenses) Act 1993 would be
changed at the same time as this capacity bill.
We feel that by asking us these questions
government will say they have consulted with us.
We don't see the point if our say doesn't go
anywhere **and seems to be made little of.**



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