

## **DISABILITY REFORM PROGRAMME**

# **TRANSFORMING LIVES**

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# **Transforming Lives**

The programme to implement the recommendations of the Value for Money and Policy Review of Disability Services in Ireland

#### Vision

Our programme for reform drives the changes needed in services to realise our overarching vision for Disability Services.

"To contribute to the realisation of a society where people with disabilities are supported, as far as possible, to participate to their full potential in economic and social life, and have access to a range of quality personal social support and services to enhance their quality of life and well-being."



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Context

Where are we now?

What are the drivers for change?

Where do we want to get to?

How will we get there?



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#### **Overview of Disability Service Provision**

- Budget €1.68bn
- 8,800 people availing of residential supports
- 24,000 people availing of day supports and training
- 6,000 people avail of Respite
- 2,300 receive PA supports
- 7,000 receive Home support
- 853 avail of Home Sharing
- 120 organisations in receipt of €1m €170m
- 30 organisations less than €1m



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# **Drivers for Change**

- Change must benefit people with disabilities
- Ease of access for service user
- Protect frontline services
- Changes must address challenges facing organisations
- Finite resources examine new ways of using existing resources
- Little evidence of close co-operation or collaborative working except at high level policy issues
- Consolidate the sector, myriad of organisations
- Similar services in same locations / gaps



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## Where Do We Want To Get To

- Appropriate supports for people with Disabilities
- Leaner, more responsive Disability sector
- Protect and enhance frontline services
- Commence a process to meet unmet need
- Greater accountability
- Regulatory compliance
- Corporate Governance





# How Will We Get There

- Honesty about limitations
- Integrity of thought in relation to mission
- Discussion How rather than Whether
- Active encouragement, direction and participation of HSE
- Leadership
- Consultation
- Vision
- Challenges
- Consensus
- Commissioning

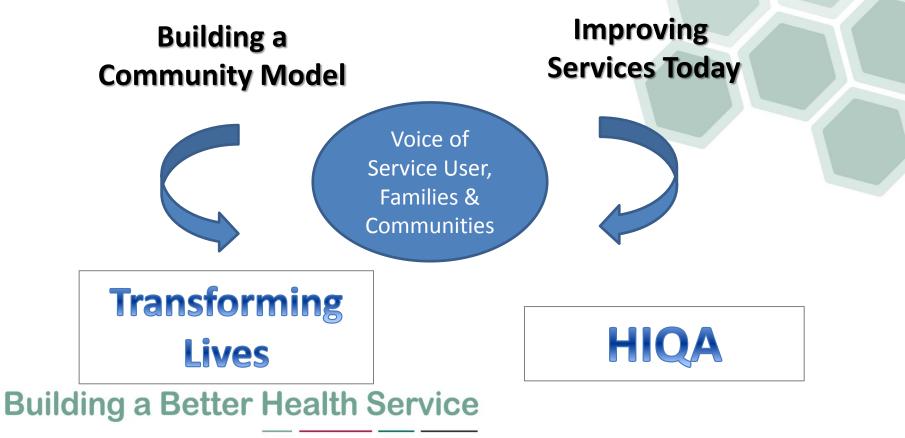
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Reform of Disability Services

**Twin Track Approach** 



# Benefits

- Better quality of life for People with Disabilities
- Enhance quality of service
- Maximising efficiency and ensure full accountability and transparency in relation to how services are being managed.
- Stronger voice to lobby on behalf of service users
- Minimise unnecessary duplication
- Stability





# The secret to change is to focus all your energy NOT on fighting the old but on building the new. - Socrates

### **Thank You**

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