

# Budget 2018 - An Ordinary Life

- Supporting Choice, Control & Fairness for People with an Intellectual Disability in Ireland

## Key Messages:

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With ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) envisaged there is now more than ever a need to invest in the right of people with an intellectual disability to an ordinary life.



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In the period since 2008 there has been little investment in new service developments and during this time the budget for disability services was reduced by 9.4%.



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In 2016 one in seven people with Intellectual Disability were aged 55 or over, up from one in eleven, ten years earlier. High levels of unmet need continue to exist for these people many of whom will require a full time residential place in the next five years.



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According to data from the National Intellectual Disability Database 4,585 people with intellectual disability will require new residential, day and respite services, and 10,679 people currently receiving services will require alternative, additional or enhanced services in the period 2017 - 2021.



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In this time of economic recovery there is a moral imperative on the state to ensure that the support needs of people with intellectual disability are prioritised.



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We call on the Government to invest €200m in new service developments for people with intellectual disability each year, over the 5 year period 2018 - 2022, commencing with Budget 2018.

