

OIREACHTAS DISABILITY GROUP'S BUDGET 2020 ASKS

INCLUSION AND PARTICIPATION

A Multi-Annual Investment Programme of €211 each year, for five years, 2020-2024 for community services for people with intellectual, physical, sensory and neurological disabilities. Including:

- Respite Care
- Residential Supports
- Personal Budgets
- Personal Assistant Services
- Home Supports
- Other community services and supports
- Day services
- Adult Therapies



€40m minimum to address the disability sector funding crisis, to maintain existing levels of service



Fund 300 extra therapy staff for children's services in 2020 - 2024

As an interim measure, increase Disability Allowance by €20 per week pending publication of the Department's 'Cost of Disability' research



Establish Disability Expert Support Persons in Education and Training Boards, ETBs with €1.5m



Increase, and index link, the Wage Subsidy Scheme for persons with a disability to 70% of the minimum wage level at a cost €5 million.



Grant Medical Cards based on medical needs, not income



Provide 20 extra NEPS psychologists with €1.6m

EQUAL RECOGNITION

€9m to implement the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015

ACCESSIBILITY

Funding to establish the Transport Support Scheme



Install Changing Places at strategic locations, costing €14k each



Introduce Assistive Technology, AT, Passports with €1.5m



Restore Housing Adaptation Grants funding to 2010 levels with an additional €28.38m



€300,000 to commission an assessment and costing of unmet housing and social care needs



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