



National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability

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Overview

- Strategy was from 2011 to 2016
- Extended under Rebuilding Ireland to 2020
- Aims and Priority Actions still relevant
- Driven by a National Housing Subgroup chaired by Housing Agency
- Task groups set up to drive specific issues

Housing and Disability Steering Groups

- 31 groups in existence
- County level
- Interagency Group
- Chaired by Director of Service
- Meet at least 4 times a year
- Responsible for the implementation at local level

Strategic Plans

- Current and emerging need
- Targets for delivery to meet the need
- Will be published on the Rebuilding Ireland and Department's website in June 2017
- Annual reporting to be published nationally
- Allocations for 2016
- HDSGs will monitor and report progress

Assessment and Allocation Guidance



- Published in 2014
- Reviewed over past 6 months
- New guidance will issue in Q2 2017
- Additional targeted document for local authority staff
- Important that reference to same is included in Allocation policies

Mental Health Property Transfer

- HSE Owned properties
- Transfer to local authority or Approved Housing Bodies
- Residents become tenants
- Employment of Tenancy Sustainment Officer to assist with the transition
- Pilot in Laois/Offaly area almost complete

Other areas

- Availability of Accessible Information
 - Easy read guide to completion of SHS Application Form
 - Plan English housing options document
- Congregated Settings
 - Ongoing programme of transitioning
- CAS Funding
 - Continued commitment to funding housing in this way for people with a disability including the transitioning programme