



## Communication 4: September 2019

### Do you help people thicken their drinks? IDDSI is coming.....

#### A. IDDSI begins in St. Michael's House in November 2019.

People's FEDS Guidelines will be changed to the IDDSI Framework when they are due for review by the Speech and Language Therapy Department.

This will be a gradual changeover to IDDSI. Some people will be on the old system and some people on the new system – depending on their FEDS review date.

The SLT department does not have the resources to change everyone at the same time. This means front line staff will have to refer to SLT FEDS Guidelines to know which system people are using when they are modifying a person's food and drinks.

#### B. What if I have questions?

All service managers and PICS will have attended a briefing on IDDSI with the SLT department before the launch in November 2019. Special National Schools have been invited.

Many units are receiving training in 2019. This training will continue through-out 2020. Please contact your SLT to arrange your training session. There are some **available slots for the weeks commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> September; 7<sup>th</sup> October; 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019.** **Book now!**

#### C. The IDDSI website - [www.iddsi.org](http://www.iddsi.org)

Learn the most up to date information by **downloading the IDDSI app** or checking the [website](http://www.iddsi.org).

Another useful video from the website – Flow test comparison:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itMh\\_QQTXdk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=itMh_QQTXdk).



Speech and Language Therapy will demonstrate these new techniques in your training sessions too

Coming in Communication 5: Supporting Service Users who want to know more about the IDDSI Framework and modifying their food and drinks.

*The IDDSI Steering Group*