



Inclusion Ireland

The National Association for People
with an Intellectual Disability.

Budget 2026 Highlights



How Much is Being Spent?



An Roinn Leanaí, Míchumais
agus Comhionannais
Department of Children,
Disability and Equality

In Budget 2026, the Government is spending **€3.8 billion** on disability supports.

This amount makes up more than half of all the money given to the **Department of Children, Disability and Equality**.



The **Department of Children, Disability and Equality** (or **DCDE** for short) is part of the Government.

The DCDE looks after money and plans for things like childcare supporting families, helping disabled people, and promoting equality for everyone in Ireland.





The budget for Specialist Disability Services will **increase to €3.9 billion**.

These services include:

- **Residential Care** – a place to live with support.
- **Respite Care** – short breaks for families and carers.
- **Adult Day Services** – daily support and activities for people over 18 years old.



My House



Day Centre



The DCDE's **total budget is now over €7 billion**.

This is a 15% increase compared to last year in 2025.



What Will Budget 2026 Pay for?



Money from Budget 2026 will help fund:

- **250** new residential care places.
- **1,400** new day service places.
- **150,000** home support and personal assistance hours.
- **1,000** new staff members to support disabled people.



Rialtas na hÉireann
Government of Ireland



Budget 2026 is part of a **whole-of-Government plan** to support disabled people.

This means that **all parts of the Government will work together to support disabled people.**



An Roinn Oideachais
agus Óige
Department of Education
and Youth



*Assessment of
Needs Appointment
Letter*



The Department of Education and Youth will:

- Hire **1,717 new Special Needs Assistants (SNAs)**.
- Hire **1,042 new teachers**, including **860 new Special Education Teachers (SETs)**.
- Help fund **6,500 Assessment of Needs appointments**.



An Roinn Coimirce Sóisialaí
Department of Social Protection



The Department of Social Protection will:

- Increase Domiciliary Care Allowance to **€380** per month.
- Increase Carer's and Disability Allowances by **€10** per week.



**An Roinn Tithíochta,
Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta**
Department of Housing,
Local Government and Heritage



The Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage will:

- Provide **€130 million** for **17,000 grants** to make homes more accessible.



An Roinn Sláinte
Department of Health



The Department of Health will:

- Hire more therapists in primary care and mental health services.
- Increase access to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS).

Why is this important?



All spending follows the **National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025–2030**.

The Strategy sets out the goals and actions the Government will take to improve disabled people's lives over the next five years.

The Strategy was co-created with disabled people and is based on the idea of “**equal voices, equal actions, and equal futures.**”



How to get in touch



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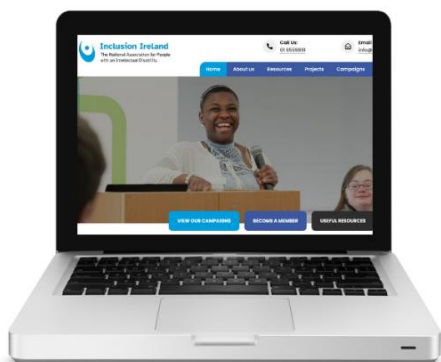
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