

New Caisleán Day Service in the Northside Shopping Centre by St. Michael's House officially opened by Minister Hildegarde Naughton

DUBLIN, 18 June 2025 – A new Caisleán Day Service by St. Michael's House, located in the Northside Shopping Centre, Dublin 17, was officially opened today by Minister of State responsible for Disability, Hildegarde Naughton TD. The event marks a significant milestone in the continued development of modern facilities in support of adults with disabilities in the Dublin area.

The newly purpose-built centre, co-designed with service users, currently supports 31 adults in an inclusive space at Northside Shopping Centre. Its central, accessible location encourages greater community participation and access to local amenities. The launch celebrates the evolution of a service that began in the 1980s as Castle Industries Training Centre in Malahide Road Industrial Estate, and has since undergone a significant transformation in line with the HSE's New Directions model, moving away from institutional settings to community-based supports.

Since relocating in February 2025, the transition has been praised by staff and family members for its, person-centred approach and positive impact on service users.

Minister Hildegarde Naughton TD said, "Today's opening of the Caisleán Day Service represents a step forward in how we support people with disabilities in Ireland. This new centre is a hub of opportunity and belonging for the community. It reflects a shift toward a more inclusive society where services are person-centred, rights-based, and rooted in the everyday lives of the people they support. I commend St. Michael's House and everyone involved for creating a space where individuals can connect and live on their terms. This is the kind of innovation we need in disability services."

At the event, Liz Reynolds, CEO of St. Michael's House, said: "This centre embodies our commitment to rights-based, person-centred care. Caisleán is a vibrant, inclusive space that reflects the voices and choices of the people we support. It represents the future of disability services in Ireland: rooted in the community, shaped by those who use it, and designed to empower individuals to live full, connected lives."

Also in attendance were Ciarán Bolger, Chair of St. Michael's House; Alison McCallion, Director of Adult Services; Jim Comiskey, HSE Day Opportunities Manager; members of the Board of Directors, Executive Management Team, staff, families, and service users. The day service was delivered in partnership with the HSE, with architectural design by John Duffy Design Group and construction by Elliott Properties Ltd.

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About St. Michael's House

St. Michael's House is one of Ireland's largest providers of community-based services for people with disabilities. Supporting approximately 2,300 individuals and their families across greater Dublin, its services include residential, and day supports, clinical services, respite care, education, and more. St. Michael's House works in close partnership with the HSE, TUSLA, and the Department of Education and Skills. The organisation champions inclusion, autonomy, and a rights-based approach to care, guided by the values of Respect, Kindness, Honesty, Excellence, and Creativity. St. Michael's House remains committed to building a society in which people of every ability can live the life of their choosing.

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