



Pre-Budget 2027 Submission

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Budget 2027 is when the Government decides how money will be spent next year.



What is funding?

The Government uses the word “funding” when they talk about the Budget.

Funding means how much money an organisation or person gets from the Government.



What is the National Federation?

The National Federation is a group of 53 organisations.

These organisations support more than 26,000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities and autism in Ireland.



What do people need to access their rights?



National Federation's Self Advocacy Network

We spoke to people who are supported by our members. We asked them what they think about our Budget 2027 messages.

They also told us what is important to them.



People need the right support at the right time

Many people are waiting for disability supports.

The right support can mean people are able to:

- live independently
- get healthcare
- go to university
- get a job
- take part in their community
- have short breaks and holidays
- join advocacy groups

What self-advocates told us:

"More of the right supports will help people live the life they want to live."



People want choice about where they live

People should have choice about where they live. People should also have choice about who they live with.

Some people want to stay in their own home.

Some people want to live independently with support.

Some people want to live with a friend or partner.

What self-advocates told us:

"I would like to live independently but I would actually like to live with somebody."



People need enough money to be able to live

Food, electricity and other costs are going up.

Some people are worried about paying for the things they need.

What self-advocates told us:

"They should increase our disability allowance because things are getting expensive."



People need access to health services

People should be able to see doctors, dentists and other health workers when they need them.

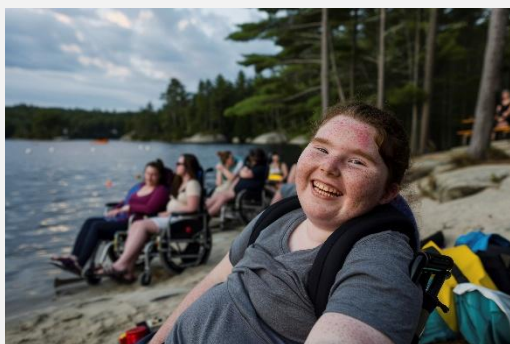
Some people wait too long for treatment.

Sometimes buildings are not accessible.

Some people have to travel far away to get treatment.

What self-advocates told us:

“Someone shouldn't have to live in pain.”



People need more short breaks and respite

Many people are waiting too long for respite and short breaks.

Short breaks should be based on what the person wants and needs.

What self-advocates told us:

“I sent the form for respite in and it is taking so long so I don't know what's going on.”

My Plan	
Day	What to do
Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	
Sunday	

People need support every day

People need support every day of the week.

People may need support to go on holidays.

People may need support to do things they like on the weekends.

What self-advocates told us:

“We don't live Monday to Friday – We live all the week.”

“The weekends are a struggle for me. If I want to go somewhere I don't have support and I find it hard.”



Services need enough staff

Disability services need enough staff.

Staff help people do the things that matter to them.

Staff need time to get to know the people they support.

What self-advocates told us:

“If there is not enough staff, we miss things and going places.”



People need support as they get older

People need to be supported as they get older.

People should not have to go to nursing homes because they cannot get the right support in their community.

What self-advocates told us:

“People want to stay in their own house but people are worried in case they get old or get sick.”



Better transport is needed

Lack of transport is a barrier to people doing what they want.

People need transport to go to work, appointments and social activities.

Transport should be easy to use.
Transport should be accessible for everyone.

What self-advocates told us:

“To get to places there are not enough bus services for all people that can't drive and don't have any other way of getting anywhere.”

National Federation's Messages to Government



How should disabilities services be delivered?

People with disabilities have the same rights as everyone else.

Government funding should help people live the lives they choose.

Supports should be planned around the person and what matters to them.

How can more people get the support they need from disability services?



Make it easier for disability service providers to build houses for people that need them.



There needs to be enough money to deliver the supports that people need and to access their rights.



Work with people with disabilities and their families to find the support that works best for them.



Support people to live as part of the community in line with their choices and their rights.

What is the National Federation asking Government to do in Budget 2027?



- **Address unmet need.**
This means planning and providing the supports people need.
- **Strengthen disability services.**
This means making sure services have enough funding and staff to meet people's needs and rights.
- **Remove barriers to innovation.**
This means taking away barriers so new supports can be developed.

We thank the National Federation's Self Advocacy Network for sharing their thoughts on Budget 2027.