

	DFI Asks ¹	Oireachtas Disability Group Asks ²	Programme for Government
Whole Government			
Taoiseach's Department	Taoiseach's Department to lead on disability	Taoiseach's Department to lead on disability	
Joint Oireachtas Committee on UN CRPD	Establish a Joint Oireachtas Committee on implementing the UN CRPD ³	Establish a Joint Oireachtas Committee on implementing the UN CRPD	Establish a Joint Oireachtas Committee to assist in monitoring and implementing the provisions in the UN CRPD
Service Delivery			Work with all stakeholders to see how services and resources can be delivered
Mainstream Policy Development			Work with all government departments and their agencies to ensure that a disability perspective is integrated into mainstream policy development
Public Expenditure and Reform			
Equality Budgeting		Consult people with disabilities and the disability sector to develop indicators for the Equality Budgeting initiative, or disability budget proofing ⁴	Expand the Equality Budgeting Initiative, looking at outcomes of expenditure for people with disabilities
Health			
Community Services	Multi-annual investment programme of €211m per annum for 5 years to services that allow people with disabilities to live independently in their community: - Respite Care	Multi-annual investment programme of €211m per annum for 5 years to services that allow people with disabilities to live independently in their community: - Respite Care	Work towards implementing the most recent Disability Capacity Review Respite Care Additional respite nights to people with disabilities

¹ In DFI Election Manifesto, unless otherwise specified

² In ODG Election Manifesto, unless otherwise specified

³ United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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			to choose the supports that most meet their needs. Therapies Seek to reduce the waiting times for assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 through the full year provision of additional therapy posts.
Deficits	Resolve the growing deficits of €40 million + across disability services	Resolve the growing deficits of €40m + across disability services	
De-congregation		Accelerate the de-congregation process	Continue with the de-congregation programme and complete a further move of more people with disabilities from congregated settings to homes in the community, with the necessary supports
Younger People in Nursing Homes	The Department of Health together with other relevant governmental departments should develop and fund an initiative to prevent admissions of younger people with disabilities to nursing homes ⁵		Reduce and provide a pathway to eliminate the practice of accommodating young people with serious disabilities in nursing homes
Implementing National Health Strategies			Continued implementation of the National Dementia Strategy and National Neuro Rehabilitation Strategy
Early Diagnosis			Prioritise early diagnosis

⁵ Pierce M., Kilcullen, S. and Duffy, M. The situation of younger people with disabilities living in nursing homes in Ireland- phase 1. DFI and DCU.

			interventions and access to services
Service Improvement			Improve and change services through better implementation and collaboration
Effective Interventions			Ensure the most effective interventions are provided for each individual to ensure the best outcomes
Assessment of Needs			Fully implement the new standard operating procedure for assessment of needs for all applications
Mental Health			<p>Integrate access to mental health supports as part of disability service provision.</p> <p>Reform the Mental Health Act 2001</p> <p>Recognising that people with intellectual disabilities have specific needs that our mental health services should be equipped to meet</p>
Dialogue Forum			Support the Dialogue Forum working with voluntary organisations to build a stronger working relationship between the State and the voluntary healthcare sector
Intensive Transitional Support Packages for Children			Further intensive transitional support packages for children and young people with

			complex/high support needs
Autism			<p>Implement the National Autism Plan and keep it under regular review. Ensure that there is effective cross-departmental implementation with reporting to the relevant cabinet committee.</p> <p>Implement a programme of awareness-raising to provide a better information resource for children and parents about available supports.</p> <p>Build capacity and competence amongst key professionals working with people with autism, including a national training programme for clinicians</p>
Safeguarding			We will review and improve the national policy document, Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse, National Policy and Procedures.
Employment Affairs and Social Protection			
Cost of Disability	A cost of disability payment	A cost of disability payment	We will use the recent research into the cost of disability to individuals and families to properly inform the direction of future policy
Assistive Technology Passport	An assistive technology passport	An assistive technology passport	

	at a cost of €1.5 million	at a cost of €1.5 million	
Education, Training and Employment Support Fund	An education, training and employment support fund 2020-25		
Disability Allowance	Increase Disability Allowance by €20 per week as an interim measure pending Indecon's cost of disability research ⁶	Increase Disability Allowance by €20 per week as an interim measure pending Indecon's cost of disability research	
Comprehensive Employment Strategy		Fully implement the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for Persons with Disabilities	
Public Service Target			Double the target for employment of people with disabilities in the public service to 6%.
Employer Awareness and Support			Promote an awareness and support programme for employers to support the recruitment and retention of people with disabilities
Rural Areas/Remote Working			Develop initiatives that improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities living in rural areas, including through remote working options
Disability/Invalidity Pension		Establish protocols to fast-track reinstatement of Disability Allowance for people for whom a job does not work out ⁷	Fast-track the return to Disability or Invalidity Pension for people where employment opportunities do not succeed
Wage Subsidy Scheme and Ability Programme		1. Increase the Wage Subsidy Scheme for persons with a	Fine-tune and expand targeted employment

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		<p>disability from 55% of the minimum wage to 70% of the minimum wage level, at a cost of €5 million. Commit to index it at that level over time as part of the Low Pay Commission process.</p> <p>2. Reduce the minimum number of hours worked under the Wage Subsidy Scheme from 21 hours to 15 hours to reflect the needs of many persons benefitting from the scheme, at a cost of €2 million.⁸</p>	<p>schemes such as the Wage Subsidy Scheme (WSS) and the Ability Programme to help more people with disabilities stay in the workforce</p>
Carers			<p>Review and update the National Carers' Strategy</p> <p>Develop a pension solution for family carers that recognises their important work.</p> <p>Extend free GP care to carers in receipt of the Carer's Support Grant.</p> <p>Develop a 'Carers Guarantee' proposal that will provide a core basket of services to carers across the country regardless of where they live</p>
Anti-Poverty and Social Protection	See asks above	See asks above	<p>Improve outcomes for those with caring responsibilities and living with a disability</p>

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			Implementation of the Roadmap for Social Inclusion
Housing, Planning and Local Government			
Accessible Social Housing	Commit 7.5% of social housing to accessible housing for people with disabilities	Commit 10% of social housing to accessible housing for people with disabilities	Public and social housing: Ensure an appropriate mix of housing design types is provided, including universally designed units and accommodation for people with disabilities
Housing Supports and Adaptation	Invest €128 million in housing supports and adaptations in 2020	Invest €128 million in housing supports and adaptations in 2020.	
Housing Support Packages		Ringfence funding to the HSE for community support packages so that people have a pathway to housing	
Physical Accessibility			Work towards physical accessibility to all government departments, local authorities and agencies providing services
Housing Policy Reviews			Include consideration of disability in all housing policy reviews
Justice and Equality/ UN CRPD			
Decision Support Service		Fund the Decision Support Service	
Assisted Decision-Making Act		Implement the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act without delay	Commence the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 to abolish wardships
Disabled Persons' Organisations		Commit to direct engagement and resourcing of Disabled Persons' Organisations so that they can engage effectively in policy development	

Awareness of Lived Experience			Develop programmes promoting awareness amongst the general public of the lived experience of people with disabilities; and the needs and experiences of people with autism
National Disability Inclusion Strategy			Resource the National Disability Inclusion Strategy, with an emphasis on close collaboration between State agencies and civil society
Protections against hate crime and speech			Improve protections for people with disabilities against hate crime and hate speech
Access to Jury Service			Improve access for people with disabilities to jury service
Updating Language			Remove outdated references to 'persons of unsound mind' from the statute book
UN CRPD Implementation			Strengthen rights through the UN CRPD. Develop an implementation plan to coordinate implementation
Consultation and Participation Model			Implement a consultation and participation model, in line with the UN CRPD, to facilitate participation by persons with disabilities in the policy development process
UN CRPD Optional Protocol			Ratify the Optional Protocol to the UN

			CRPD after the first reporting cycle
Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht			
Participation in culture and heritage activities			Facilitate the participation of people with disabilities in cultural and heritage related activities and programmes
Rural and Community Development			
Social Farming			Commit to the social farming model, recognising the value of offering farming and horticultural work experience to people availing of health and social services, including disability services
			Carry out a comprehensive review of Public Participation Networks and Local Economic and Community Plans, to ensure they are fit for purpose on climate action and community development
			Publish a strategy to support volunteering, including the development of a comprehensive supporting infrastructure and measures to disseminate best practice
			Fully implement 'Sustainable, Inclusive and Empowered Communities,' the five-year strategy to support the community and

			voluntary sector in Ireland up to 2024.
			Support and enhance the Social Innovation Fund Ireland programme to help secure additional philanthropic funding sources specifically for community-based programmes and projects in the areas of climate justice, rural and community development
			We will sustain Community Call as we emerge from COVID-19, and examine the merits of maintaining it on a more permanent footing, as a means of linking the wide range of services and supports available at local level and into an overarching cross-departmental group at national level
Transport, Tourism and Sport			
Transport Support Scheme	Establish a Transport Support Scheme	Establish a Transport Support Scheme	
Accessible Public Transport		Fund the installation in all public transport or publicly subsidised transport services of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. fully accessible ticketing services and machines, 2. audio and visual prompts for destinations and disruptions to services, 3. full wheelchair accessibility of transport services, stations, stops, 	Build on the work already undertaken to ensure that all public transport services are accessible to people with a disability

		4. electronic-hydraulic ramps in at least one carriage per train.	
Accessible Taxis			Review supports available for wheelchair accessible taxi vehicles
Sport			Mandate Sport Ireland to develop a programme of interventions to boost participation levels among people with disabilities Work with sporting clubs to increase volunteer training to focus on issues such as disability awareness
Education and Skills			
EPSEN Act		Publish a plan to fully commence the EPSEN Act	
Speech and Language			Expand and enhance the in-school speech and language pilots
Right assistance			Ensure students with additional needs get the right assistance, at the right time, building on the learnings from the pilot currently underway and subject to further consultation
Equity of Access to FET⁹	Fund and appoint Disability Experts at ETB ¹⁰ level as the lead and support person for students with disabilities at a cost of €1.5m ¹¹	Fund and appoint Disability Experts at ETB level as the lead and support person for students with disabilities at a cost of €1.5m ¹²	Conduct an audit of equity of access to FET for people with disabilities

⁹ Further Education and Training

¹⁰ Education and Training Board

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¹² ODG Pre Budget Submission 2020

Apprenticeships			Publish an updated Apprenticeship Action Plan with specific targets for the uptake of apprenticeships by people with disabilities
Access to Higher and Further Education	Invest in the Fund for Students with Disabilities to support part-time students in Irish Further Education and Higher Education sector ¹³		Support access routes to higher and further education and inclusive education initiatives to learners with intellectual disabilities Seek to increase the Fund for Students with Disabilities

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