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This is the Easy to Read Version of the 'New Directions Bulletin' a newsletter that will be sent out 4 times every year.

This newsletter was put together by a group called the **New Directions National Implementation Group**.

We want to tell you about the work being done on 'New Directions'. This is the name for Adult Day Services.

There is another newsletter with a lot more information that is harder to read.

This Newsletter will look at what happened in 2015 and our plans for 2016 under 6 headings

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## Change Management

### What did we do in 2015?

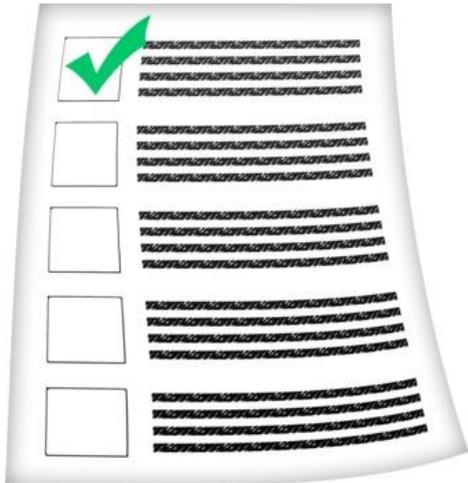
In the last edition we told you that we wanted to see how services are doing and if they are doing what New Directions asks them to do.

We now have all the reports back and can see where things are going well and where there is more information or training needed.

### What will we do in 2016?

We need to use the information that we received to share learning, identify challenges, establish ways to support services get in line with New Directions.

There will be a national group and many local groups and service users should be involved.



## Policy into Action

### What did we do in 2015?

We have been working with groups to make sure that people leaving school get the supports they need. There is a new strategy on jobs and we will continue to work with groups to make sure that people in day services that want a job will be supported to get one.

### What will we do in 2016?

We will continue to work with other agencies and government departments to support people to get work experience and work. We will also work with education groups to make a better plan for people leaving school and needing a day service.



## **Person-Centeredness**

### What did we do in 2015?

Services should be 'person-centred'. We received a lot of information from services and looked at all this information and found that different services use different definitions of person-centred. There should be one definition.

### What will we do in 2016?

The group will come up with guidelines and training to support services with agreed definitions of person-centredness.

The group will look at how to set up an independent guidance service. This service will make sure that each person who needs a service has an equal chance to access one.



## **Rehabilitative Training**

### What did we do in 2015?

We decided that we needed to look at our rehabilitative training programme and see about improving it in line with New Directions.

### What will we do in 2016?

We will let everybody know what if any changes we will be making to rehabilitative training.



## Quality

### What did we do in 2015?

We have completed interim standards for New Directions. Standards are about making services better for the people that use them. The standards will be on the website soon [www.hse.ie/newdirections](http://www.hse.ie/newdirections).

### What will we do in 2016?

We will let people know about the interim standards and how they are going to be implemented. We will also be putting together a plan for all agencies that provide day services so that they can check and see if their services are in line with the interim standards.



## Funding

### What did we do in 2015?

We found out that a plan was needed to look at how funding was organised.

### What will we do in 2016?

A plan will be put in place to organise funding.

More work needs to be done on what New Directions says about funding and how money should be used. A plan is needed to move this on. We will look at direct funding and develop and put pilots in place.



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