

We received 615 responses to the survey: 115 were from people with intellectual disabilities, 252 were family members of disabled children and 228 were family members of disabled adults.

Cost of Living



50%

of people with intellectual disabilities have trouble paying utility bills.

We call for:

- A permanent cost of disability payment.
- An increase to the disability allowance (€291.50) so people are not living in poverty.
- A special fund for equipment, technology and other essential assistive aids and appliances for people with higher support needs and their families.

Access to Services



We call for:

- A strategy to recruit more staff as up to 1 in 3 posts are vacant in therapy teams. The strategy also needs to look at the retention of staff.
- Funding of individualised services for people: moving away from traditional day services and towards community based person led supports.

42%

of people cited access to services as their number one issue.



41%

of people surveyed cited a lack of support package/services as the main barrier to housing and independent living.

Housing and Supports

We call for:

- A plan to support people in congregated settings and people in nursing homes into a home of their own in the next five years.
- An increase in the number of personalised budget arrangements.
- A review of the criteria to grant access to personal assistance hours.