



## Easy to Read Information on Budget 2019



The Budget for Ireland was announced on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of October 2018.

The Budget is a plan of how the Government will spend money in 2019.



Before the budget, Inclusion Ireland wrote to many of the departments in the Government to tell them how they could spend money to support people with intellectual disabilities.

Now that we know what is in Budget 2019, here are some of the key points you might like to know about.

### Equality Proofing

The Government said they would begin to equality proof all decisions about budgets in Ireland.

The Government will think about poverty and disability to make equality more real for people with disabilities.

This means that they will try to make sure that budgets are the same for everyone and that no section of society is left worse off than any other because of the budget.

It is a good thing that the Government is thinking about equality when they make budgets.

It will help us to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities and make it real in people's lives.

### Spend on Disability

There was an extra 150 million euro added to how much can be spent by the Department of Health on disability in 2019.

We don't know yet how all of that money will be spent.



## Social Welfare

All social welfare payments will go up by 5 euro per week from March 2019.

Everybody will get the full Christmas bonus (2 payments) at Christmas 2018.

## Cost of Disability

The Department of Equality and Social Protection will spend 300,000 on research into the Cost of Disability.

Cost of Disability is about the way people with disabilities can have less money and more costs than people without disabilities.

Understanding the

Cost of Disability will help the Government to make changes so that people with disabilities don't experience poverty in the future.

## Housing

The Government said they would increase funding for social Housing.

We don't know how people with disabilities will access these.

We don't know how much social housing will be used to support people moving out of institutions.

## Education

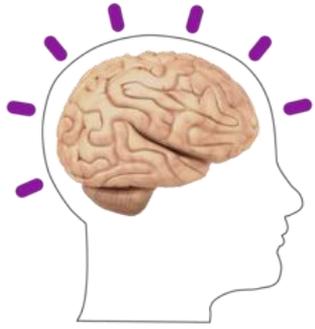
950 more Special Needs Assistants will be employed in schools.

More teachers will also be employed. We hope this will keep class sizes to under 30 per class.

## Slaintecare

20 million euro will be spent to start implementing Slaintecare.





## **Mental Health**

55 million more will be spent on mental health services



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