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Cost of Disability

Keep disabled people out of poverty. Increase the rate of the Disability Allowance by €86 per week to match the poverty threshold of €318.



Weekly Increase of 12 euros for the Disability Allowance.

2 Double weekly payments of Disability allowance (October and December).

Introduce a permanent cost of disability payment of €50 per week for disabled people.



No cost of disability payment was introduced.

€400 Disability Support Grant for those who get Disability Allowance.

Employment

Invest further in the Ability Programme and increase the number of job coaches.



No mention of disabled workers in Budget 2025.

Reduce the minimum hours required to qualify for the Wage Subsidy Scheme from 15 to five hours, and from six months contract to shorter term contracts



No further change to the Wage Subsidy Scheme with Budget 2025.

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Housing

Support at least 300 people to move out of their family home into a home of their own.



Around 70 residential places will be created. This falls short of the targets in the disability action plan.

200 people to move out of institutional/congregated settings. 100 people to move out of nursing homes.



There will be support (no details yet) for people moving out of congregated settings and under 65's from nursing homes into the community but it's likely this will fall far short of the target.

Increase the number of personal assistance hours, home support, home care.



20,000 extra hours for Personal Assistance hours. 40,000 extra hours for home support.

Complete the evaluation of the pilot project on personalised budgets, secure funding and Increase the numbers of people benefiting from it.



No mention of personalised budgets.

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Education

Have a specific budget to develop an inclusive education plan.

Make the summer programme accessible to children who need it.

Increase Special Needs Assistant's and Special Education Teachers.

More money for inclusive, accessible school buildings and spaces.

Put money into rights and relationship-based teacher training.

74%

of respondents called for the education system in Ireland to be completely reformed with substantial investment

45%

of disabled children contend with barriers to accessing their right to education

54%

of families report that schools are given little to none of the resources to support children who need them

No investment in a strategic plan for an inclusive model of education.

€62 million funding added to budget for summer programme in 2025.

768 special education teachers and 1,600 special needs assistants.

€23.7million funding for the Access and Inclusion Model in early years education.

No mention of training for teachers.

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