

# Planning Services for People with Disabilities

A Guide to the  
**National Intellectual Disability Database  
(NIDD)**



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## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY DATABASE?



- It is a computer system

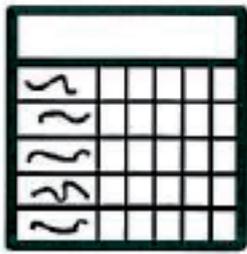


- The database has information on different services



- Examples of services are:
  - Respite care
  - Speech and language therapy
  - Physiotherapy

## WHY IS THE NATIONAL INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY DATABASE NEEDED?



- To help us plan services
- To develop services
- To organise services
- To get money for services

## HOW DOES THE DATABASE WORK?



- You fill out a form



- Your information is put on a computer



- Reports are produced

## WHAT INFORMATION IS ON THE DATABASE?



- Personal information like your date of birth

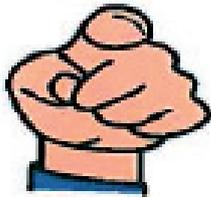


- Services you use



- Services you will need in the future

## WHO WILL SEE THE INFORMATION?



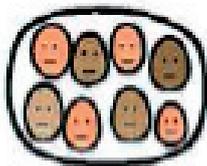
- You – you can request a copy of your information anytime



- Person who gives you services



- Health Service Workers
- Numbers for the Department of Health and Children

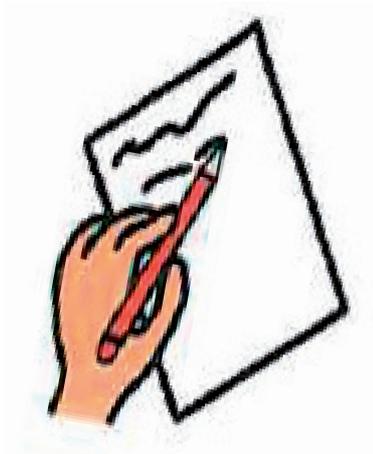


- Numbers for researchers
- The information is NOT available to everyone

## HOW LONG WILL THE INFORMATION BE KEPT ON THE DATABASE?



- Information will be kept on the Database as long as you need or use services



- Your information will be updated regularly

## HOW IS YOUR INFORMATION PROTECTED?



- There are passwords on the computer
- Guided by data protection laws
- Freedom of Information Act applies

**If you need more information please  
contact your Local Health Office (HSE)**

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