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Intellectual Disability Services

The National Intellectual Disability Database

Expanding care services for people with disabilities is given as a key example of specific actions to be taken to implement the principles of the 2001 Health Strategy *Quality and Fairness: A Health System for You*. The National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD) is an important tool for the Department of Health and Children, the health boards/regional authority and voluntary intellectual disability service agencies in achieving this aim. It provides comprehensive information on current service provision and future service requirements of the intellectually disabled population. This information facilitates accurate and detailed assessment of the current needs of individuals as well as planning for the future development of services in both type and number.

The objectives of the NIDD are as follows:

- to improve the quality of the data available to the health boards/regional authority on the population of people with an intellectual disability;
- to enable the current needs of people with an intellectual disability to be assessed more accurately;
- to support the planning of future development of services for people with an intellectual disability;
- to facilitate research in the area of intellectual disability.

The philosophy which underpins the provision and development of services to people with intellectual disabilities is to enable each individual to achieve his/her potential and to live within his/her family circle and local community where possible. The right of persons with an intellectual disability to quality services which respect their dignity, which are provided within the least restrictive environment and which aim at the greatest possible inclusion of persons with an intellectual disability in society is recognised as a key principle in the provision and development of the services. With this in mind, a wide range of services has been developed. The main types are described below.

Main Service Types

The main types of day and residential services that are available to persons with an intellectual disability are as follows:

Development and Assessment Services (Early Services) - This includes the provision of multi-disciplinary assessment services, parental counselling, early intervention services, school and adult support services.

Pre-School - Pre-school services develop children's abilities in all areas and prepare them for school.

Child Educational and Development Centres - These centres provide services for children with severe or profound levels of intellectual disability. They provide care, training and education, with individual programme planning for each child.

Educational Services - The Department of Education has responsibility for the primary and secondary education of all children, including those with an intellectual, physical or sensory disability. Schools for children with a mild or moderate intellectual disability have been in operation for many years. More recently, many classes for children with a severe or profound intellectual disability have been set up. Further information on educational services may be obtained from the Department of Education, Special Education Section, Ballymahon Road, Athlone, Co. Westmeath.

Vocational Training Units - Vocational training units assist school leavers in acquiring adult skills in self-care, their personal and social lives and work areas.

Adult Activation Centres - Many of the children who have attended Child Educational and Development Centres progress to the Adult Activation units. Because of the degree and nature of the disability, many of these people are likely to require full-time residential care.

Sheltered Work/Employment Centres - These centres continue the work experience for those graduating from the vocational training units. The majority continue to attend these centres with a small number finding work/employment elsewhere, sometimes in open employment.

Home Support Services - Home support services involve providing assistance to the family in terms of allowing carers to take time off, assisting with care, facilitating attendance at social activities etc.

Specialist/Intensive Services - A number of persons with an intellectual disability require more intensive or specialist intervention on an ongoing or intermittent basis. This would include individuals who present with disturbed behaviour or mental health needs. While many people with autism can benefit from the general services provided for persons with an intellectual disability, some need specialised facilities.

Residential Services - Where it is not possible for a person with an intellectual disability to live with his/her family, either 5-day or 7-day care may be needed in a residential centre or a group home. A residential centre is usually based on a campus: the aim is to provide accommodation that is as home-like as possible. A group home is a standard domestic style house in a residential neighbourhood.

Current Service Provision

The total number of individuals on the NIDD in 2004 is 25,416. The number of persons with an intellectual disability who were identified by the NIDD at this time as receiving a day service and/or a full-time residential service (including those in psychiatric hospitals) is 23,843. 1,216 people with no current service requirements, 357 people who are receiving no service and 474 people who are receiving residential support services only account for the difference between these figures. People in receipt of services at each level of disability are shown in Figure 1 by numbers and in Figure 2 by percentages. The "not verified" category refers to people who have an intellectual disability but the level of disability has not yet been confirmed.

Figure 3 shows the gender distribution of this group. There are more males than females at all levels of intellectual disability, with a ratio of 1.28:1 among those receiving services.

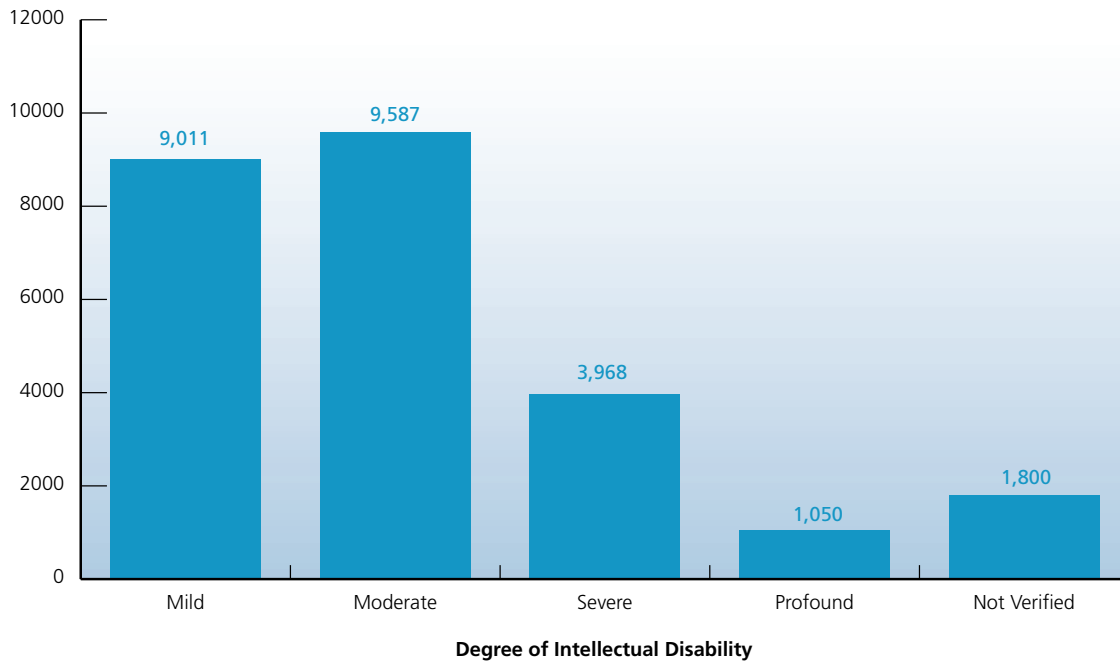
Current service provision for persons receiving a day service and/or a full-time residential service (including those in psychiatric hospitals) is summarised in Figure 4.

Tables G1D and G2D provide a breakdown of the number and type of day programmes and residential placements availed of by individuals with an intellectual disability for 2004. The day services most availed of include activation centres (4,865 people) and sheltered work centres (4,578 people). The most common residential placements are 7-day (52 week) residential centres (2,751 people) and 7-day (52 week) community group homes (2,232 people).

Table G3 displays the number of people with an intellectual disability receiving day services, receiving 5/7 day residential services and resident in psychiatric hospitals for each health board area.

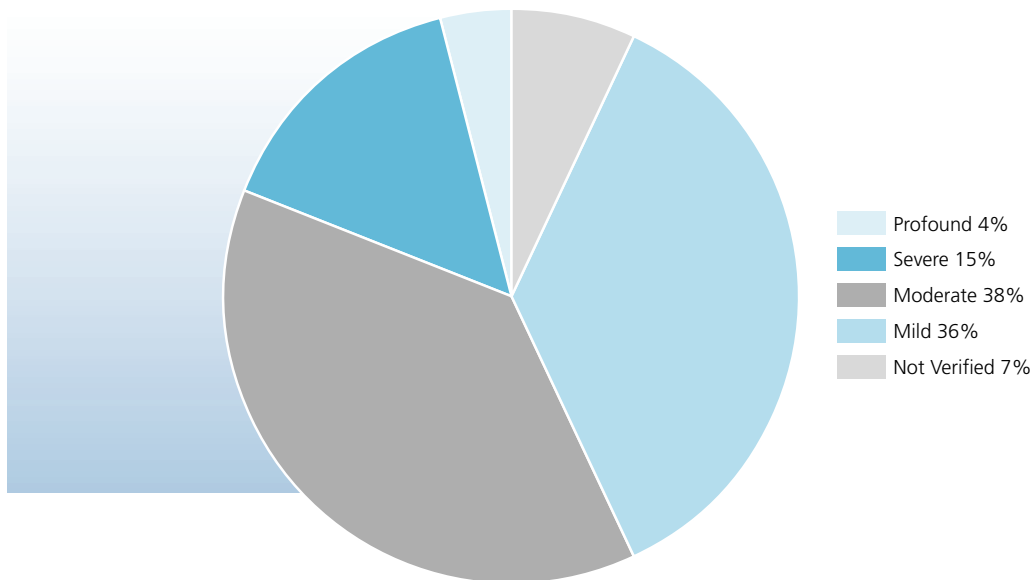
Figure 5 shows the age profile of individuals who are in receipt of intellectual disability services. As people with an intellectual disability get older, service provision is directed primarily at those in the moderate, severe and profound categories. The large numbers with mild intellectual disability up to age 19 reflects the numbers of children in special education who receive support services from the intellectual disability sector, but many of whom do not transfer to intellectual disability services after school.

FIGURE 1
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF SERVICES BY DEGREE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN 2004



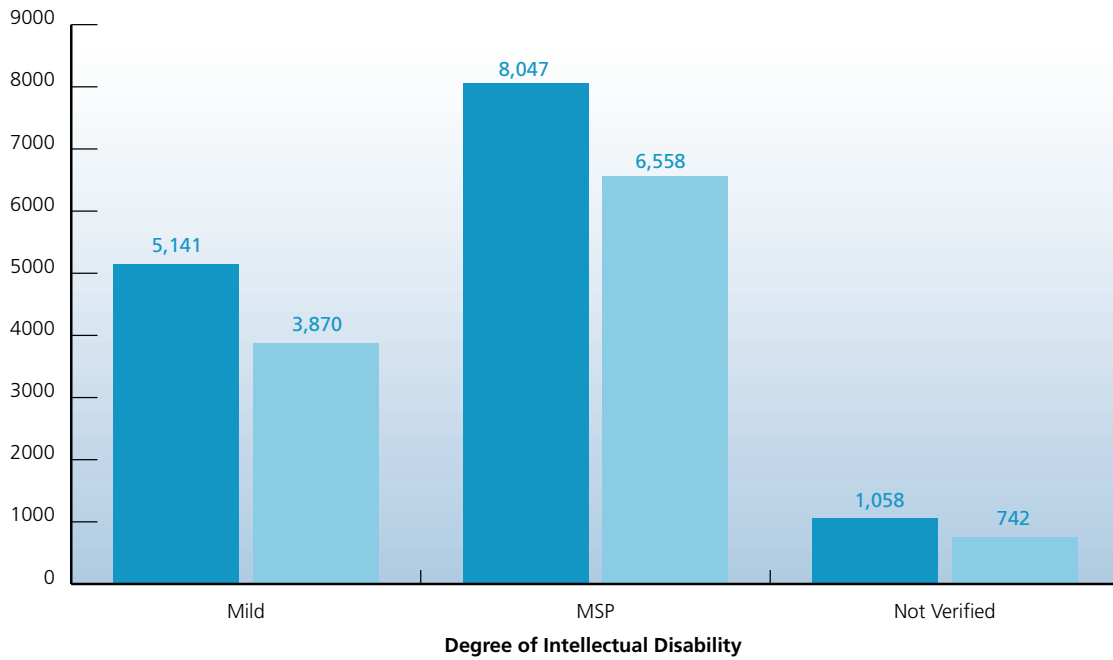
Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

FIGURE 2
PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF SERVICES BY DEGREE OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN 2004



Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

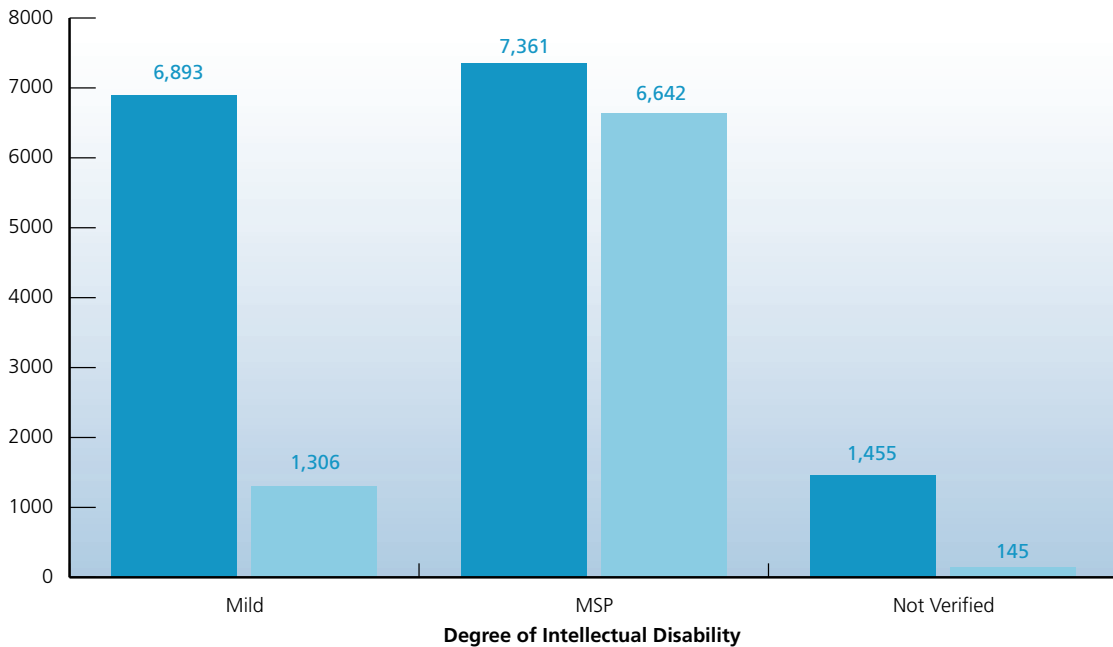
FIGURE 3
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES BY DEGREE OF DISABILITY AND GENDER IN 2004



Note: MSP indicates Moderate/ Severe/ Profound.
 Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Male Female

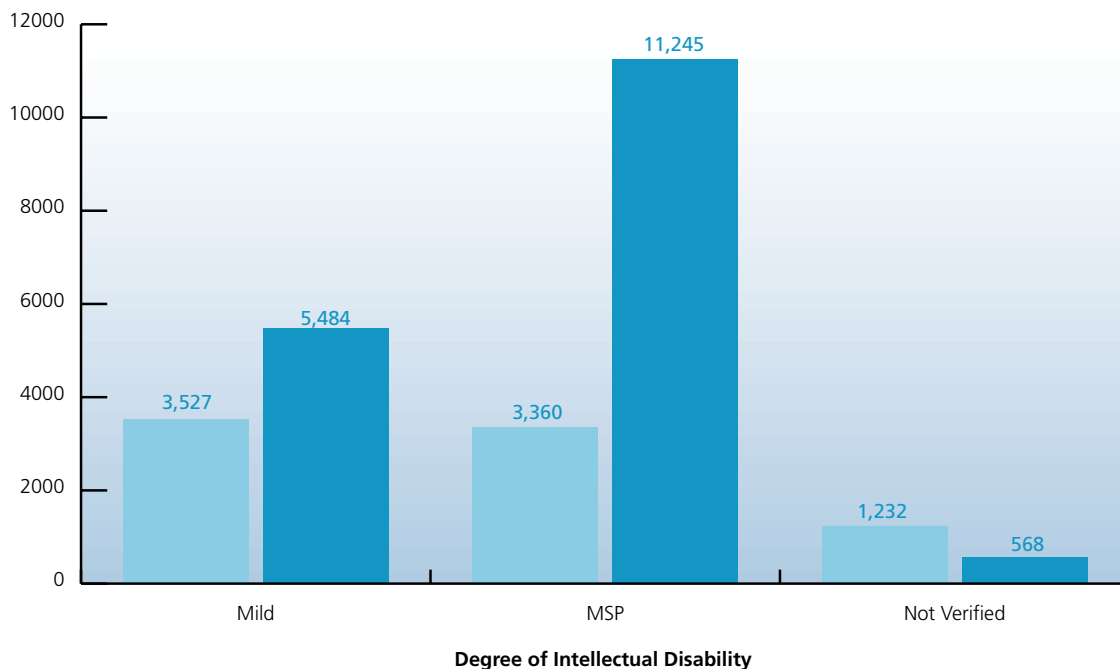
FIGURE 4
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES BY DEGREE OF DISABILITY AND CATEGORY OF SERVICE IN 2004



Note: MSP indicates Moderate/ Severe/ Profound.
 Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Day Attendees Full-Time Residents

FIGURE 5
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN RECEIPT OF INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY SERVICES BY DEGREE OF DISABILITY AND AGE GROUP IN 2004



Note: MSP indicates Moderate/ Severe/ Profound.
 Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Age Group ■ Under 19 ■ 19 and over

TABLE G1A
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS IN 2001

Residential Placement Type	Persons
5-Day Community Group Home	620
7-Day (48 Week) Community Group Home	829
7-Day (52 Week) Community Group Home	1,648
5-Day Residential Care	144
7-Day (48 Week) Residential Care	827
7-Day (52 Week) Residential Care	2,473
Nursing Home	78
De-designated Unit	314
Psychiatric Hospital	677
Intensive Placement (Challenging Behaviour)	201
Intensive Placement (Profound/Multiple Disability)	201
Other Full-Time Residential Service	193
Total - Residential Placements	8,205

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G1B
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS IN 2002

Residential Placement Type	Persons
5-Day Community Group Home	580
7-Day (48 Week) Community Group Home	725
7-Day (52 Week) Community Group Home	1,962
5-Day Residential Care	140
7-Day (48 Week) Residential Care	703
7-Day (52 Week) Residential Care	2,618
Nursing Home	54
Psychiatric Hospital	515
Intensive Placement (Challenging Behaviour)	284
Intensive Placement (Profound/Multiple Disability)	219
Other Full-Time Residential Service	199
Total - Residential Placements	7,999

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G1C
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS IN 2003

Residential Placement Type	Persons
5-Day Community Group Home	588
7-Day (48 Week) Community Group Home	682
7-Day (52 Week) Community Group Home	2,160
5-Day Residential Care	127
7-Day (48 Week) Residential Care	606
7-Day (52 Week) Residential Care	2,777
Nursing Home	82
Psychiatric Hospital	494
Intensive Placement (Challenging Behaviour)	284
Intensive Placement (Profound/Multiple Disability)	219
Other Full-Time Residential Service	73
Total - Residential Placements	8,092

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G1D**NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS IN 2004**

Residential Placement Type	Persons
5-Day Community Group Home	539
7-Day (48 Week) Community Group Home	691
7-Day (52 Week) Community Group Home	2,232
5-Day Residential Care	124
7-Day (48 Week) Residential Care	569
7-Day (52 Week) Residential Care	2,751
Nursing Home	106
Psychiatric Hospital	474
Intensive Placement (Challenging Behaviour)	311
Intensive Placement (Profound/Multiple Disability)	233
Other Full-Time Residential Service	63
Total - Residential Placements	8,093

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G2A**DAY PROGRAMMES AVAILED OF BY PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN 2001**

Day Programme	Persons in Residential Placements	Day Attenders	Total Number
Home Support	4	231	235
Early Services	1	489	490
Ordinary Pre-School	1	150	151
Special Pre-School for Intellectual Disability	5	575	580
Child Educational and Development Centre	106	447	553
Ordinary School	1	787	788
Resource Teacher	4	257	261
Special Class - Primary Level	21	702	723
Special Class - Secondary Level	23	241	264
Special School	309	4,077	4,386
Generic Vocational Training	28	168	196
Special Vocational Training Centre	277	1,388	1,665
Activation Centre	3,332	1,533	4,865
Programme for the Elderly	281	79	360
Special High Support Day Service	344	65	409
Special Intensive Day Service	139	31	170
Sheltered Work Centre	1,962	2,616	4,578
Sheltered Employment Centre	18	103	121
Multidisciplinary Support Centre	27	183	210
Centre-based Day Respite Service	0	7	7
Other Day Service	274	221	495
Enclave Within Open Employment	19	9	28
Supported Employment	147	722	869
Open Employment	20	201	221
Generic Day Services	19	78	97
Home Help	0	26	26
Total - Day Programmes	7,362	15,386	22,748

Note: Day programmes are available to individuals in full-time residential placements but not all full-time residents avail of these day programmes.

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G2B**DAY PROGRAMMES AVAILED OF BY PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN 2002**

Day Programme	Persons in Residential Placements	Day Attenders	Total Number
Home Support	3	221	224
Early Services	2	527	529
Ordinary Pre-School	1	157	158
Special Pre-School for Intellectual Disability	5	529	534
Child Educational and Development Centre	69	425	494
Ordinary School	3	735	738
Resource Teacher	2	231	233
Special Class - Primary Level	14	627	641
Special Class - Secondary Level	11	242	253
Special School	278	3,959	4,237
Generic Vocational Training	27	251	278
Special Vocational Training Centre	257	1,171	1428
Activation Centre	3,348	1,559	4,907
Programme for the Elderly	329	95	424
Special High Support Day Service	369	79	448
Special Intensive Day Service	175	44	219
Sheltered Work Centre	1,893	2,483	4,376
Sheltered Employment Centre	21	99	120
Multidisciplinary Support Centre	347	258	605
Centre-based Day Respite Service	1	9	10
Other Day Service	167	259	426
Enclave Within Open Employment	12	7	19
Supported Employment	159	758	917
Open Employment	24	107	131
Generic Day Services	25	56	81
Home Help	0	13	13
Total - Day Programmes	7,542	14,901	22,443

Note: Day programmes are available to individuals in full-time residential placements but not all full-time residents avail of these day programmes.

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G2C
DAY PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE TO BY PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN 2003

Day Programme	Persons in Residential Placements	Day Attenders	Total Number
Home Support	2	256	258
Home Help	0	16	16
Early Services	2	541	543
Mainstream pre-school	4	201	205
Special Pre-School for Intellectual Disability	8	572	580
Child Education and Development Centre	56	346	402
Special Vocational training Centre	283	1,252	1,535
Activation Centre	3,047	1,678	4,725
Programme for the Older Person	381	95	476
Special high-support day service	412	102	514
Special intensive day service	174	51	225
Sheltered work centre-includes long-term training schemes	1,915	2,484	4,399
Sheltered employment centre	22	104	126
Multidisciplinary support services only	679	466	1,145
Centre-based day respite services	6	8	14
Day Respite in the Home	0	2	2
Other Day Service	153	217	370
Total - Day Programmes	7,144	8,391	15,535

Note: Day programmes are available to individuals in full-time residential placements but not all full-time residents avail of these day programmes.

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G2D
DAY PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE TO BY PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY IN 2004

Day Programme	Persons in Residential Placements	Day Attenders	Total Number
Home Support	4	269	273
Home Help	0	35	35
Early Services	5	441	446
Mainstream pre-school	0	239	239
Special Pre-School for Intellectual Disability	0	585	585
Child Education and Development Centre	45	285	330
Special Vocational training Centre	272	1,293	1,565
Activation Centre	2,951	1,782	4,733
Programme for the Older Person	503	96	599
Special high-support day service	390	122	512
Special intensive day service	184	57	241
Sheltered work centre-includes long-term training schemes	1,960	2,476	4,436
Sheltered employment centre	20	110	130
Multidisciplinary support services only	964	502	1,466
Centre-based day respite services	9	10	19
Day Respite in the Home	0	5	5
Other Day Service	147	188	335
Total - Day Programmes	7,454	8,495	15,949

Note: Day programmes are available to individuals in full-time residential placements but not all full-time residents avail of these day programmes.

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G3A

PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AVAILING OF DAY, RESIDENTIAL AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES BY HEALTH BOARD/REGIONAL AUTHORITY IN 2001

Health Board/ Regional Authority	Receiving Day Services		Residential Services		Resident in Psychiatric Hospitals		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Eastern	4,236	60.5	2,478	35.4	292	4.2	7,006	100.0
Midland	895	67.2	415	31.2	22	1.7	1,332	100.0
Mid-Western	1,501	65.4	705	30.7	90	3.9	2,296	100.0
North-Eastern	1,372	73.6	473	25.4	19	1.0	1,864	100.0
North-Western	1,013	63.2	589	36.7	1	0.1	1,603	100.0
South-Eastern	2,106	69.4	796	26.2	133	4.4	3,035	100.0
Southern	2,402	63.7	1,331	35.3	36	1.0	3,769	100.0
Western	1,861	67.0	833	30.0	84	3.0	2,778	100.0
Total	15,386	65.0	7,620	32.2	677	2.9	23,683	100.0

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G3B

PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AVAILING OF DAY, RESIDENTIAL AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES BY HEALTH BOARD/REGIONAL AUTHORITY IN 2002

Health Board/ Regional Authority	Receiving Day Services		Residential Services		Resident in Psychiatric Hospitals		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Eastern	4,274	60.4	2,547	36.0	258	3.6	7,079	100.0
Midland	874	66.6	425	32.4	14	1.1	1,313	100.0
Mid-Western	1,422	64.6	758	34.4	22	1.0	2,202	100.0
North-Eastern	1,338	72.7	495	26.9	8	0.4	1,841	100.0
North-Western	982	62.3	592	37.6	1	0.1	1,575	100.0
South-Eastern	2,042	69.1	812	27.5	103	3.5	2,957	100.0
Southern	2,390	66.8	1,151	32.2	36	1.0	3,577	100.0
Western	1,579	64.2	807	32.8	73	3.0	2,459	100.0
Total	14,901	64.8	7,587	33.0	515	2.2	23,003	100.0

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G3C

PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AVAILING OF DAY, RESIDENTIAL AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES BY HEALTH BOARD/REGIONAL AUTHORITY IN 2003

Health Board/ Regional Authority	Receiving Day Services		Residential Services		Resident in Psychiatric Hospitals		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Eastern	4,412	51.5	2,566	29.9	265	3.1	7,243	100.0
Midland	904	66.2	423	31.0	13	1.0	1,340	100.0
Mid-Western	1,452	59.9	758	31.3	23	0.9	2,233	100.0
North-Eastern	1,438	71.3	509	25.2	1	0.0	1,948	100.0
North-Western	1,056	59.6	586	33.1	1	0.1	1,643	100.0
South-Eastern	2,081	66.1	826	26.2	96	3.1	3,003	100.0
Southern	2,298	63.8	1,122	31.1	32	0.9	3,452	100.0
Western	1,694	63.8	808	30.4	63	2.4	2,565	100.0
Total	15,335	60.0	7,598	29.7	494	1.9	23,427	100.0

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

TABLE G3D

PEOPLE WITH AN INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY AVAILING OF DAY, RESIDENTIAL AND PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES BY HEALTH BOARD/REGIONAL AUTHORITY IN 2004

Health Board/ Regional Authority	Receiving Day Services		Residential Services		Resident in Psychiatric Hospitals		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Eastern	4,613	62.0	2,577	34.6	252	3.4	7,442	100.0
Midland	935	68.0	428	31.1	13	0.9	1,376	100.0
Mid-Western	1,423	64.5	758	34.4	24	1.1	2,205	100.0
North-Eastern	1,459	74.1	510	25.9	1	0.1	1,970	100.0
North-Western	1,085	64.7	592	35.3	1	0.1	1,678	100.0
South-Eastern	2,089	69.3	824	27.3	103	3.4	3,016	100.0
Southern	2,353	67.0	1,129	32.2	28	0.8	3,510	100.0
Western	1,752	67.3	801	30.5	52	2.0	2,605	99.8
Total	15,709	66.0	7,619	32.0	474	2.0	23,802	100.0

Source: National Intellectual Disability Database.

Physical and Sensory Disability Services

The National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD) is a set of information that outlines the specialised health services currently used or needed by people with physical or sensory disabilities. The database is managed by the Health Research Board on behalf of the Department of Health and Children. The database informs the regional and national planning of these services by providing information on trends in demographics, current service use and future service need. Implementation of the NPSDD has been underway since January 2002 throughout the country and at the time of publication, there are more than 20,000 people registered on the database. Registration on the database is voluntary and, thus, the NPSDD does not provide any definitive epidemiological statement on the number of people with a particular type of disability.

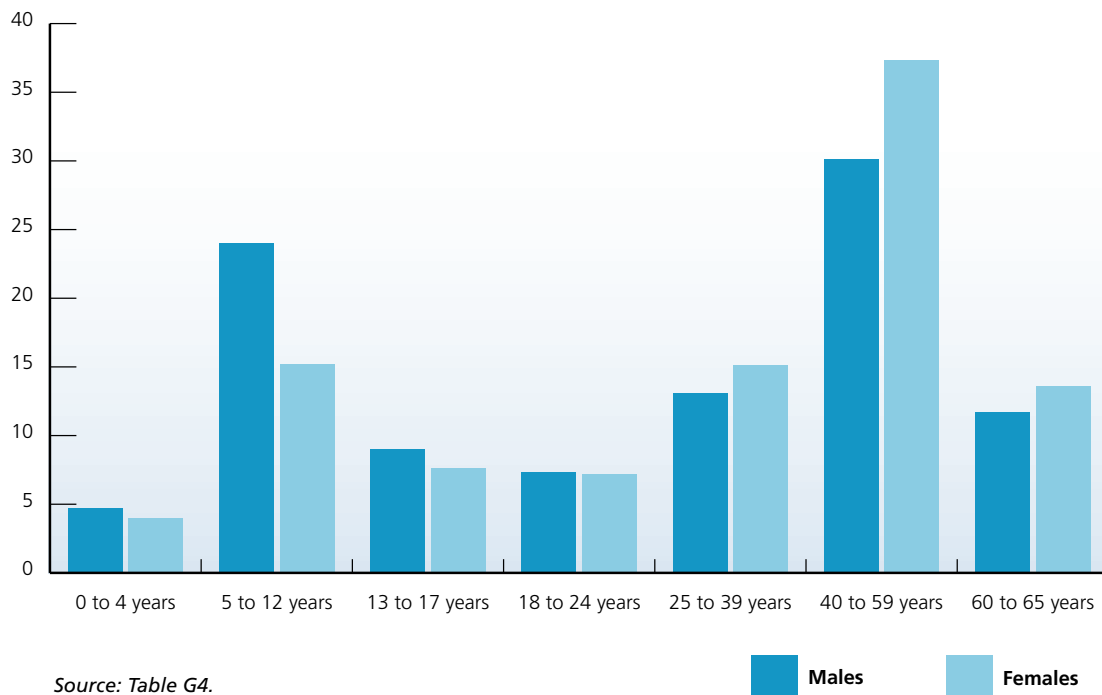
Data in this section are derived from preliminary analysis of the database published in December 2004. Not all cases on the database are validated. The total number of cases included in the tables is 19,677.

TABLE G4
NATIONAL PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITY DATABASE:
NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2004

	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
0 to 4 years	488	4.7	373	4.0	861	4.4
5 to 12 years	2,493	24.0	1,412	15.2	3,905	19.8
13 to 17 years	935	9.0	711	7.6	1,646	8.4
18 to 24 years	755	7.3	670	7.2	1,425	7.2
25 to 39 years	1,362	13.1	1,404	15.1	2,766	14.1
40 to 59 years	3,126	30.1	3,467	37.3	6,593	33.5
60 to 65 years	1,214	11.7	1,267	13.6	2,481	12.6
Total	10,373	100.0	9,304	100.0	19,677	100.0

Source: National Physical and Sensory Disability Database - Preliminary Analysis.

FIGURE 5
NATIONAL PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITY DATABASE: PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION BY AGE AND GENDER, 2004



Source: Table G4.

TABLE G5
NATIONAL PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITY DATABASE: TYPE OF DISABILITY BY AGE AND GENDER, 2004

Type of Disability	Male						Female						Total	
	U' 18		18 and Over		All Ages		U' 18		18 and Over		All Ages		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Physical only	3,397	86.7	5,255	81.4	8,652	83.4	2,023	81.1	5,571	81.8	7,594	81.6	16,246	82.6
Hearing loss/deafness only	220	5.6	438	6.8	658	6.3	216	8.7	473	6.9	689	7.4	1,347	6.8
Visual only	126	3.2	480	7.4	606	5.8	117	4.7	470	6.9	587	6.3	1,193	6.1
Physical and hearing loss/deafness	83	2.1	117	1.8	200	1.9	48	2.0	105	1.5	153	1.6	353	1.8
Physical and visual	67	1.7	115	1.8	182	1.8	57	2.3	143	2.1	200	2.1	382	2.0
Hearing loss/deafness and visual	6	0.2	21	0.3	27	0.3	13	0.5	19	0.3	32	0.3	59	0.3
Physical, hearing loss/deafness and visual	17	0.4	31	0.5	48	0.5	21	0.8	27	0.4	48	0.5	96	0.5
Total	3,916	99.9	64,57	100.0	10,373	100.0	2,495	100.1	6,808	99.9	9,303	99.8	19,676*	100.1

* 1 person did not provide a response.

Source: National Physical and Sensory Disability Database - Preliminary Analysis.

TABLE G6**NATIONAL PHYSICAL AND SENSORY DISABILITY DATABASE: TEN MOST FREQUENTLY REPORTED DIAGNOSES BY AGE AND GENDER, 2004**

Type of Disability	Male						Female						Total	
	U' 18		18 and Over		All Ages		U' 18		18 and Over		All Ages		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Multiple sclerosis	4	0.1	566	8.8	570	5.5	5	0.2	1,216	17.9	1,221	13.1	1,791	9.1
Cerebral palsy	488	12.5	362	5.6	850	8.2	300	12.0	320	4.7	620	6.7	1,470	7.5
Diabetes	38	1.0	663	10.3	701	6.8	39	1.6	447	6.6	486	5.2	1,187	6.0
Stroke hemiplegia	46	1.2	460	7.1	506	4.9	26	1.0	318	4.7	344	3.7	850	4.3
Specific speech and language disorder	627	16.0	13	0.2	640	6.2	204	8.2	4	0.1	208	2.2	848	4.3
Rheumatoid arthritis	8	0.2	165	2.6	173	1.7	18	0.7	486	7.1	504	5.4	677	3.4
Congenital deafness	105	2.7	172	2.7	277	2.7	133	5.3	182	2.7	315	3.4	592	3.0
Epilepsy	73	1.9	210	3.3	283	2.7	64	2.6	210	3.1	274	2.9	557	2.8
Head injury	18	0.5	306	4.7	324	3.1	9	0.4	106	1.6	115	1.2	439	2.2
Cystic fibrosis	145	3.7	78	1.2	223	2.1	145	5.8	68	1.0	213	2.3	436	2.2
Total	1,552	39.8	2,995	46.5	4,547	43.9	943	37.8	3,357	49.5	4,300	46.1	8,847	44.8

* 1 person did not provide a response.

Source: National Physical and Sensory Disability Database - Preliminary Analysis.

Day Activity and Training Services for People with Disabilities

Rehabilitative Training

Arising from the report of the Commission on the Status of People with Disabilities, *A Strategy for Equality (1996)*, the Government, in June 2000, implemented a restructuring of statutory responsibilities for training, work and employment services for people with disabilities. In line with the fundamental principle of mainstreaming, the Department of Health and Children retained responsibility for day activity, rehabilitative training and sheltered work, while responsibility for vocational training and employment, including "sheltered and supported employment", was assigned to the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

The objective of rehabilitative training is to develop the core functional and occupational capacities of people with disabilities. Rehabilitative training is provided to the approved national standard and is accredited by an independent National Accreditation Committee. The administration of rehabilitative training rests with the health boards/regional authority and is delivered either directly by the health boards/regional authority or by accredited non-governmental agencies. The health boards/regional authority also monitor demand for rehabilitative training places. Table G7A and G7B provide details on the number of places available and trainees attending Rehabilitative Training Programmes for 2003 and 2004.

Sheltered Work

The provision of day activity services for people with disabilities has evolved in many instances into the provision of a range of sheltered work activities. While overall administrative responsibility rests with the health boards/regional authority, delivery of the service is provided by both the health boards/regional authority and the non-governmental sector. It is estimated that approximately 7,900 people with disabilities are working in 215 sheltered workshops.

The Programme for Prosperity and Fairness contains commitments to develop a code of practice for sheltered work and undertake a review of funding of sheltered work. Both of these projects are currently being undertaken.

Day Activity Services

Day Activity Services are also provided for people with disabilities who may not be availing of sheltered work or rehabilitative training services. Day activity services are essentially care and therapeutic services that focus primarily on an individual's personal support and developmental needs. The range of supports in day activity services usually includes occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, basic numeracy/literacy, as well as social and recreational activities.

TABLE G7A

REHABILITATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN:
NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE AND NUMBER OF TRAINEES ATTENDING BY HEALTH BOARD/REGIONAL
AUTHORITY AS OF DECEMBER, 2003

Health Board/ Regional Authority	Number of places available	Number of Trainees attending*
Eastern	882	840
Midland	134	125
Mid-Western	202	176
North-Eastern	132	128
North-Western	209	205
South-Eastern	283	287
Southern	350	335
Western	376	375
Total	2,568	2,471

* *Whole Time Equivalents.*

Source: *Health Board Returns.*

TABLE G7B

REHABILITATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES FUNDED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN:
NUMBER OF PLACES AVAILABLE AND NUMBER OF TRAINEES ATTENDING BY HEALTH BOARD/REGIONAL
AUTHORITY AS OF DECEMBER, 2004

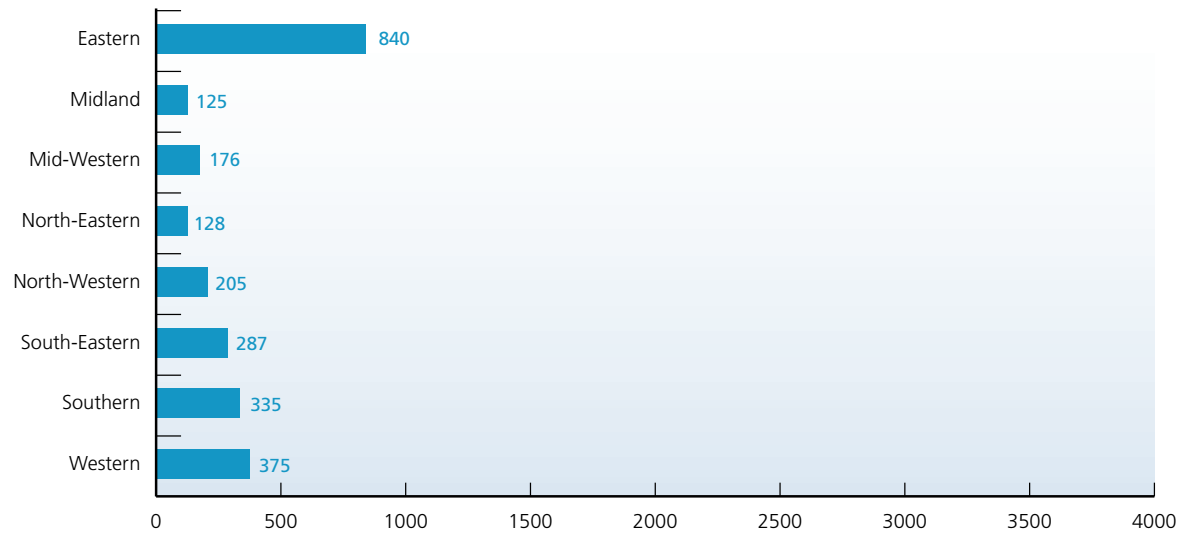
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Note: Please note that figures for 2004 have remained unchanged from the previous 2003's figures.

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Source: *Health Board Returns.*

FIGURE 6
NUMBER OF TRAINEES ATTENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND CHILDREN REHABILITATIVE TRAINING PROGRAMMES BY HEALTH BOARD/REGIONAL AUTHORITY, 2004



Source: Table G4.