

National Physical and Sensory Disability Database Committee Annual Report 2008



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Chairperson's Statement

On behalf of the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD) Committee, I am pleased to introduce the 2008 Annual Report of the NPSDD.

The Database was set up in 2002 to provide information on the service needs of people with a physical/sensory disability to the Department of Health and Children, the Health Service Executive and voluntary organisations. In 2008, there were almost 30,000 people registered on the NPSDD. This Annual Report is based on analysis of just over 27,000 cases.

The Database provides valuable information to those involved with the planning and delivery of services. Information is key to decision making in relation to resource allocation, it provides a foundation for the development of policies and supports research. In the current economic climate information on which to base decisions about resource allocation for services is particularly crucial. Now, more than ever, the role of national information on disability is key to ensuring that those in greatest need have their needs met. In light of this, and because of the need to use what resources we currently have for the administration of the NPSDD most efficiently, the format and content of this year's Annual Report differs from previous years. All tables and analysis are included as in previous years but there is no associated text. The tables will be available online for download.

The Disability Database Unit in the Health Research Board in conjunction with the Health Service Executive and voluntary providers of services is committed to improving the quality of the Database and identifying the information needs of all stakeholders in the disability sector. In this regard, the Department of Health and Children welcomes the pilot initiative underway to provide direct access to the NPSDD to non-statutory agencies. This will enable these agencies to have access to data about their own service users whilst, at the same time, have the securities that apply to a national information system.

I would like to acknowledge the ongoing work of the NPSDD Committee members and of those who are involved in sub-committees. I would also like to thank the staff of the Disability Database Unit in the Health Research Board whose responsibility it was to draft this report on behalf of the Committee.

Dermot Ryan

Chairperson

National Physical and Sensory Disability Database Committee



Introduction

The objective of the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD) is to provide an overview of the specialised health and personal social service needs of people with a physical, sensory and/or speech and language disability. This report is based on monitoring current service provision and future service requirements over a five year period as well as a demographic profile of those on the NPSDD.

In December 2008 there were 29,946 people registered on the NPSDD. For the purposes of analysis for this report, people aged 66 years or over at the time of reporting (2,643 records) were excluded as responsibility for the provision of services for this group lies within Older People's Services in the Department of Health and Children (DoHC) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) rather than within Disability Services. The analysis in this document is based on the remaining 27,303 records.

When interpreting the data contained in this report, it is important to note the following:

- The primary focus of the NPSDD is to facilitate service planning and provision; it also aims to record the details of people availing of, or requiring, a specialised health and personal social service.
- As not every individual in Ireland who has a physical or sensory disability is availing of, or requiring a specialised health and personal social service, the NPSDD cannot provide any definitive epidemiological statement on the number of people with a particular type of disability or diagnosis.
- Participation in the NPSDD is voluntary; the Database does not, therefore, cover a proportion of people living in Ireland who have a physical or sensory disability and who have opted not to go on the NPSDD.
- The data contained in this report represent the situation in December 2008. Because progress towards achieving target coverage for the NPSDD is uneven for several groups and areas, these data cannot give a comprehensive picture of service use and service need. However, they are an important indication of the pattern of current service use and possible future need.
- As this report is a planning tool for disability service planners and providers, it does not include those who were aged 66 years or over at the time of reporting. As noted above, responsibility for service provision for these individuals lies with Older People's Services in the DoHC and HSE rather than with Disability Services. This continues to pose a challenge for coherent and consistent service delivery as the number of people with disabilities who are over 65 years increases annually; with currently one third of people with disabilities aged over 65 years (Census of Population, 2006).



- Rates of review/update at present are lower than anticipated and some of the data have not been updated annually as recommended for the Database. This then impacts on the confidence of the data and its potential accuracy. This is currently being addressed by DoHC.

In 2008, the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database Committee decided to change the date of the official extract of data. In previous years the extract was taken in June but this was changed to the end of the year so that reporting would be based on a full calendar year to assist with the service planning process.

An extensive validation of the data was undertaken to ensure that the data were as accurate as possible. Some changes in the data may be noted. For example, there is a drop in the number of people with diabetes as primary diagnosis due to a change in guidelines in registering people who only have a diagnosis of diabetes. It is the disabling effect of diabetes, for example visual impairment or amputation that should be recorded as primary diagnosis with diabetes the secondary diagnosis. If no disabling effect exists then the person is not eligible for registration and is removed from the Database. This has a knock on effect on the numbers using/needng particular therapeutic services. In addition, the number of people with physical disability only has reduced and the number of people with multiple disabilities is now better reflected in the data. In addition, the data show that some people under 18 years of age are currently in inappropriate residential settings.



Executive Summary

Gender and age

Males accounted for a higher percentage of registrations than females. A total of 14,514 males (53.2%) and 12,789 females (46.8%) were registered. Over two thirds of all registrations were adults (18,757, 68.7%) and just under one-third were children (under 18 years at the time of reporting) (8,546, 31.3%).

Living accommodation and arrangements

The living arrangements of NPSDD registrations can be summarised as follows:

- 23,500 people (86.1%) lived with family members.
- 2,591 people (9.5%) lived alone.
- 127 people (0.5%) lived with foster families.
- 206 people (0.8%) lived with non-relatives.
- 697 people (2.6%) lived in full-time residential services.
- 178 people (0.7%) described their living arrangements as 'other'.

The 27,303 people registered on the Database described their type of living accommodation as follows:

- 20,781 people (76.1% of all registrations) were in private accommodation.
- 5,619 people (20.6%) were in rented accommodation.
- 697 people (2.6%) were in full-time residential services.
- 200 people (0.7%) were in mobile homes or caravans, were homeless or described their living accommodation as 'other'.

Primary Carer

More than half the people registered on the NPSDD, (15,355, 56.2%) reported that they had a primary carer. The majority of primary carers were aged between 19 and 70 years (14,943, 97.3%); 31 (0.2%) were 18 years of age or under, and 376 (2.4%) were aged over 70 years.

Type of disability

The most frequently reported types of disability were:

- Physical disability (16,537 people, 60.6%)
- Hearing loss/deafness (1,618 people, 5.9%)
- Visual disability (1,381 people, 5.1%)
- Speech and language (2,736 people, 10.0%)
- Multiple disabilities (5,030 people, 18.4%).

Service provision in 2008

Service provision to those registered on the NPSDD in December 2008 may be summarised as follows:

- 22,582 people with a physical and/or sensory disability were in receipt of therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services; this group represents 82.7% of all NPSDD registrations.
- 7,701 people (28.2%) were in receipt of personal assistance and support services.
- 14,470 people (53.0%) were in receipt of day services and activities.
- 922 people (3.4%) were availing of residential services.
- 2,856 people (10.5%) were availing of planned respite services and 305 people (1.1%) had used emergency respite services in the twelve-month period prior to their NPSDD interview.
- 17,731 people (64.9%) were using at least one technical aid or appliance.

Service requirements 2010–2013

The service requirements of those registered on the NPSDD in December 2008 may be summarised as follows:

Therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services

- 13,848 people (50.7%) required assessment for therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services.
- 1,864 people (6.8%) were assessed and placed on a waiting list for these services.
- 129 people (0.5%) were assessed but were unable to avail of these services for a variety of reasons.

Personal assistance and support services

- 6,587 people (24.1%) required assessment for personal assistance and support services.
- 391 people (1.4%) had been assessed and wait-listed for personal assistance and support services.
- 106 people (0.4%) were assessed but were unable to avail of these services for a variety of reasons.

Day services or activities

- 536 people (2.0%) who were availing of day services or activities required some changes to their existing services.
- 3,804 people (13.9%) required an alternative or additional service to their existing services.
- 3,244 people (11.9 %) were not availing of day services or activities, but required such supports.



Residential services

- 730 people (2.7%) registered on the NPSDD were not availing of residential services but required these supports.
- 32 people (0.1%) were availing of residential services and needed some changes to their existing services.
- 201 people (0.7%) required an alternative residential service.

Respite services

- 4,242 people (15.5%) required assessment for respite services.
- 193 people (0.7%) had already been assessed and were wait-listed for respite services.
- 73 people (0.3%) had been assessed as requiring a respite service but were unable to avail of the service for a variety of reasons.

Technical aids and appliances (TAAs)

- 9,413 people (34.5%) requested at least one technical aid or appliance.
- The most common requests were for special furniture and other aids to personal care (4,778, 17.5%), aids to mobility (3,080, 11.3%) and aids to hearing (1,362, 5.0%).

The various services listed above are required by individuals in the course of the period 2009–2013, though most service needs arise immediately.



Profile of population

Table 1 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Number of people registered in the regional health offices of the Health Service Executive

| | n | % of 27303 |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dublin Mid-Leinster | 8775 | 32.1 |
| Southern | 8180 | 30.0 |
| Western | 7313 | 26.8 |
| Dublin North East | 3035 | 11.1 |
| Total | 27303 | 100.0 |

Table 2 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Number of people registered in the Local Health Offices (LHO) of the Health Service Executive

| | N | % of 27303 |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Dublin Mid-Leinster | | |
| South Dublin Area 1 | 719 | 2.6 |
| Dublin South East Area 2 | 479 | 1.8 |
| Wicklow Area 10 | 993 | 3.6 |
| Dublin South City Area 3 | 867 | 3.2 |
| Dublin South West Area 4 | 1160 | 4.2 |
| Dublin West Area 5 | 1326 | 4.9 |
| Kildare/West Wicklow Area 9 | 1485 | 5.4 |
| Laois/Offaly Area 31 | 874 | 3.2 |
| Longford/Westmeath Area 32 | 872 | 3.2 |
| South | | |
| Cork North Lee Area 15 | 1582 | 5.8 |
| Cork South Lee Area 16 | 1565 | 5.7 |
| North Cork Area 17 | 578 | 2.1 |
| West Cork Area 18 | 392 | 1.4 |
| Kerry Area 19 | 872 | 3.2 |
| Carlow/Kilkenny Area 11 | 962 | 3.5 |
| South Tipperary Area 12 | 719 | 2.6 |
| Waterford Area 13 | 808 | 3.0 |
| Wexford Area 14 | 702 | 2.6 |
| West | | |
| Donegal Area 26 | 1281 | 4.7 |
| Sligo/Leitrim Area 27 | 699 | 2.6 |
| Galway Area 23 | 1458 | 5.3 |
| Mayo Area 24 | 1332 | 4.9 |
| Roscommon Area 25 | 459 | 1.7 |
| Limerick Area 20 | 923 | 3.4 |
| North Tipperary Area 21 | 522 | 1.9 |
| Clare Area 22 | 639 | 2.3 |
| Dublin North East | | |
| Dublin North West Area 6 | 452 | 1.7 |
| Dublin North Central Area 7 | 248 | 0.9 |
| Dublin North Area 8 | 715 | 2.6 |
| Cavan/Monaghan Area 28 | 478 | 1.8 |
| Louth Area 29 | 567 | 2.1 |
| Meath Area 30 | 575 | 2.1 |
| Total | 27303 | 100.0 |



Table 3 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008**Age group and gender**

| | Female | | Male | | Total | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | n | % of 12789 | n | % of 14514 | n | % of 27303 |
| 0-4 years | 266 | 2.1 | 374 | 2.6 | 640 | 2.3 |
| 5-12 years | 1881 | 14.7 | 3335 | 23.0 | 5216 | 19.1 |
| 13-17 years | 1051 | 8.2 | 1639 | 11.3 | 2690 | 9.9 |
| 18-24 years | 1046 | 8.2 | 1264 | 8.7 | 2310 | 8.5 |
| 25-39 years | 1880 | 14.7 | 1861 | 12.8 | 3741 | 13.7 |
| 40-59 years | 4681 | 36.6 | 4105 | 28.3 | 8786 | 32.2 |
| 60-65 years | 1984 | 15.5 | 1936 | 13.3 | 3920 | 14.4 |
| Total | 12789 | 100.0 | 14514 | 100.0 | 27303 | 100.0 |

Table 4 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008**Type of living accommodation**

| | n | % of 27297* |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Private accommodation: adapted | 4395 | 16.1 |
| Private accommodation: not adapted | 16386 | 60.0 |
| Rented accommodation: adapted - County Council | 1301 | 4.8 |
| Rented accommodation: adapted - private housing | 205 | 0.8 |
| Rented accommodation: adapted - housing association | 152 | 0.6 |
| Rented accommodation: not adapted - County Council | 2955 | 10.8 |
| Rented Accommodation: not adapted - private housing | 843 | 3.1 |
| Rented Accommodation: not adapted - housing association | 163 | 0.6 |
| Full-time residential service | 697 | 2.6 |
| Mobile home/caravan | 86 | 0.3 |
| Homeless | 10 | 0.0 |
| Other | 104 | 0.4 |
| Total | 27297* | 100.0 |

* Six people did not provide a response

Table 5 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008**Type of living arrangements**

| | n | % of 27299* |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Living alone | 2591 | 9.5 |
| Living with family | 23500 | 86.1 |
| With husband, wife or partner and no children | 2722 | 10.0 |
| With husband, wife or partner and children | 5450 | 20.0 |
| With one parent | 1630 | 6.0 |
| With both parents | 3089 | 11.3 |
| With parent(s) and sibling(s) | 8989 | 32.9 |
| With sibling(s) | 444 | 1.6 |
| With son(s)/daughter(s) | 930 | 3.4 |
| With other family relative(s) | 246 | 0.9 |
| Living with non-family | 1208 | 4.4 |
| With non-relative(s) (e.g. friends, neighbours) | 206 | 0.8 |
| In full-time residential service | 697 | 2.6 |
| With foster family | 127 | 0.5 |
| Other | 178 | 0.7 |
| Total | 27299* | 100.0 |

*Four people did not provide a response

Table 6 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Relationship and age group of primary carer

| Relationship of primary carer | Age Group of Primary Carer | | | | | Total | % of 15350* |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--------------|
| | 18 years or under | 19 - 49 years | 50 - 59 years | 60 - 69 years | 70 years or over | | |
| Husband/wife/partner | 5 | 1365 | 1361 | 441 | 42 | 3214 | 20.9 |
| Mother/father | 2 | 9093 | 1107 | 472 | 311 | 10985 | 71.6 |
| Son/daughter | 22 | 290 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 317 | 2.1 |
| Other relative | 1 | 79 | 51 | 36 | 12 | 179 | 1.2 |
| Non relative (e.g. neighbour/friend) | 0 | 59 | 33 | 9 | 5 | 106 | 0.7 |
| Other | 0 | 63 | 18 | 1 | 2 | 84 | 0.5 |
| Foster parent | 0 | 71 | 30 | 6 | 1 | 108 | 0.7 |
| Sibling | 1 | 169 | 136 | 49 | 2 | 357 | 2.3 |
| Total | 31 | 11189 | 2739 | 1015 | 376 | 15350* | 100.0 |

*Five people did not provide a response for age group



Table 7 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Type of disability by age group and gender

| | Female | | | | | | Male | | | | | | Male & female | | | | Total | |
|---|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | All ages | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | All ages | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27302* |
| Physical only | 1369 | 42.8 | 6934 | 72.3 | 8303 | 64.9 | 1866 | 34.9 | 6368 | 69.5 | 8234 | 56.7 | 3235 | 37.9 | 13302 | 70.9 | 16537 | 60.6 |
| Hearing loss/deafness only | 151 | 4.7 | 701 | 7.3 | 852 | 6.7 | 177 | 3.3 | 589 | 6.4 | 766 | 5.3 | 328 | 3.8 | 1290 | 6.9 | 1618 | 5.9 |
| Visual only | 114 | 3.6 | 554 | 5.8 | 668 | 5.2 | 99 | 1.9 | 614 | 6.7 | 713 | 4.9 | 213 | 2.5 | 1168 | 6.2 | 1381 | 5.1 |
| Speech and language only | 745 | 23.3 | 74 | 0.8 | 819 | 6.4 | 1793 | 33.5 | 124 | 1.4 | 1917 | 13.2 | 2538 | 29.7 | 198 | 1.1 | 2736 | 10.0 |
| Multiple Disabilities | 818 | 25.6 | 1328 | 12.2 | 2146 | 15.2 | 1413 | 20.9 | 1471 | 13.8 | 2884 | 16.6 | 2231 | 20.7 | 2799 | 13.0 | 5030 | 18.4 |
| Physical and hearing loss/deafness | 66 | 2.1 | 364 | 3.8 | 430 | 3.4 | 81 | 1.5 | 365 | 4.0 | 446 | 3.1 | 147 | 1.7 | 729 | 3.9 | 876 | 3.2 |
| Physical and visual | 70 | 2.2 | 484 | 5.0 | 554 | 4.3 | 120 | 2.2 | 438 | 4.8 | 558 | 3.8 | 190 | 2.2 | 922 | 4.9 | 1112 | 4.1 |
| Hearing loss/deafness and visual | 10 | 0.3 | 49 | 0.5 | 59 | 0.5 | 8 | 0.1 | 47 | 0.5 | 55 | 0.4 | 18 | 0.2 | 96 | 0.5 | 114 | 0.4 |
| Physical, hearing loss/deafness and visual | 9 | 0.3 | 74 | 0.8 | 83 | 0.6 | 16 | 0.3 | 87 | 0.9 | 103 | 0.7 | 25 | 0.3 | 161 | 0.9 | 186 | 0.7 |
| Physical & speech and language | 429 | 13.4 | 206 | 2.1 | 635 | 5.0 | 851 | 15.9 | 360 | 3.9 | 1211 | 8.3 | 1280 | 15.0 | 566 | 3.0 | 1846 | 6.8 |
| Hearing & speech and language | 131 | 4.1 | 60 | 0.6 | 191 | 1.5 | 146 | 2.7 | 59 | 0.6 | 205 | 1.4 | 277 | 3.2 | 119 | 0.6 | 396 | 1.5 |
| Visual & speech and language | 16 | 0.5 | 4 | 0.0 | 20 | 0.2 | 28 | 0.5 | 7 | 0.1 | 35 | 0.2 | 44 | 0.5 | 11 | 0.1 | 55 | 0.2 |
| Physical & hearing & speech and language | 40 | 1.3 | 21 | 0.2 | 61 | 0.5 | 88 | 1.6 | 36 | 0.4 | 124 | 0.9 | 128 | 1.5 | 57 | 0.3 | 185 | 0.7 |
| Physical & visual & speech and language | 23 | 0.7 | 45 | 0.5 | 68 | 0.5 | 55 | 1.0 | 50 | 0.5 | 105 | 0.7 | 78 | 0.9 | 95 | 0.5 | 173 | 0.6 |
| Hearing & visual & speech and language | 11 | 0.3 | 6 | 0.1 | 17 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 1 | 0.0 | 7 | 0.0 | 17 | 0.2 | 7 | 0.0 | 24 | 0.1 |
| Physical & hearing & visual & speech and language | 13 | 0.4 | 15 | 0.2 | 28 | 0.2 | 14 | 0.3 | 21 | 0.2 | 35 | 0.2 | 27 | 0.3 | 36 | 0.2 | 63 | 0.2 |
| Total | 3197* | 100.0 | 9591 | 100.0 | 12788 | 100.0 | 5348 | 100.0 | 9166 | 100.0 | 14514 | 100.0 | 8545 | 100.0 | 18757 | 100.0 | 27302* | 100.0 |

*One person did not provide a response

Table 8 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Primary and secondary ICD-10* Diagnostic categories by age group

| | Primary Diagnostic Category | | | | | | Secondary Diagnostic Category | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Under 18 years | | 18 and over | | All ages | | Under 18 years | | 18 and over | | All ages | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % |
| Nervous system | 1905 | 22.3 | 8757 | 46.7 | 10662 | 39.1 | 331 | 3.9 | 1154 | 6.2 | 1485 | 5.4 |
| Musculo-skeletal System | 438 | 5.1 | 3131 | 16.7 | 3569 | 13.1 | 99 | 1.2 | 1596 | 8.5 | 1695 | 6.2 |
| Communication | 3432 | 40.2 | 325 | 1.7 | 3757 | 13.8 | 977 | 11.4 | 392 | 2.1 | 1369 | 5.0 |
| Intellectual/Developmental | 193 | 2.3 | 21 | 0.1 | 214 | 0.8 | 283 | 3.3 | 143 | 0.8 | 426 | 1.6 |
| Behavioural | 76 | 0.9 | 41 | 0.2 | 117 | 0.4 | 349 | 4.1 | 380 | 2.0 | 729 | 2.7 |
| Ear complaints | 617 | 7.2 | 1740 | 9.3 | 2357 | 8.6 | 157 | 1.8 | 420 | 2.2 | 577 | 2.1 |
| Endocrine and metabolic | 269 | 3.1 | 1432 | 7.6 | 1701 | 6.2 | 48 | 0.6 | 808 | 4.3 | 856 | 3.1 |
| Eye complaints | 270 | 3.2 | 1420 | 7.6 | 1690 | 6.2 | 152 | 1.8 | 522 | 2.8 | 674 | 2.5 |
| Respiratory system | 414 | 4.8 | 591 | 3.2 | 1005 | 3.7 | 285 | 3.3 | 486 | 2.6 | 771 | 2.8 |
| Congenital | 504 | 5.9 | 150 | 0.8 | 654 | 2.4 | 94 | 1.1 | 37 | 0.2 | 131 | 0.5 |
| Circulatory system | 179 | 2.1 | 403 | 2.1 | 582 | 2.1 | 52 | 0.6 | 662 | 3.5 | 714 | 2.6 |
| Infectious and parasitic | 10 | 0.1 | 268 | 1.4 | 278 | 1.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 31 | 0.2 | 33 | 0.1 |
| Neoplasms | 47 | 0.6 | 154 | 0.8 | 201 | 0.7 | 7 | 0.1 | 103 | 0.5 | 110 | 0.4 |
| Digestive system | 61 | 0.7 | 112 | 0.6 | 173 | 0.6 | 46 | 0.5 | 252 | 1.3 | 298 | 1.1 |
| Genito-urinary system | 43 | 0.5 | 100 | 0.5 | 143 | 0.5 | 33 | 0.4 | 148 | 0.8 | 181 | 0.7 |
| Blood and blood forming organs | 61 | 0.7 | 43 | 0.2 | 104 | 0.4 | 7 | 0.1 | 33 | 0.2 | 40 | 0.1 |
| Skin disease or disorders | 25 | 0.3 | 69 | 0.4 | 94 | 0.3 | 28 | 0.3 | 67 | 0.4 | 95 | 0.3 |
| Not Applicable | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5596 | 65.5 | 11520 | 61.4 | 17116 | 62.7 |
| Total | 8544 | 100.0 | 18757 | 100.0 | 27301** | 100.0 | 8546 | 100.0 | 18754** | 100.0 | 27300** | 100.0 |

*The diagnostic categories used in this table are based on a modification of the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10), World Health Organization (WHO), (1992), 10th Revision (Version for 2003).

**Two people did not provide a response for primary diagnostic category; three people did not provide a response for secondary diagnostic category



Table 9 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Primary diagnostic category by age group and gender

| | Female | | | | | | Male | | | | | | Overall total | |
|--|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27301* |
| Nervous system | 766 | 24.0 | 4440 | 46.3 | 5206 | 40.7 | 1139 | 21.3 | 4317 | 47.1 | 5456 | 20.6 | 10662 | 39.1 |
| Alzheimer's disease and other cerebral degenerations | <5 ⁱ | - | 14 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 15 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Cerebral palsy | 382 | 11.9 | 496 | 5.2 | 878 | 6.9 | 559 | 10.5 | 597 | 6.5 | 1156 | 4.4 | 2034 | 7.5 |
| Epilepsy | 53 | 1.7 | 251 | 2.6 | 304 | 2.4 | 80 | 1.5 | 234 | 2.6 | 314 | 1.2 | 618 | 2.3 |
| Friedreich's ataxia or cerebellar ataxia | 13 | 0.4 | 79 | 0.8 | 92 | 0.7 | 9 | 0.2 | 87 | 0.9 | 96 | 0.4 | 188 | 0.7 |
| Guillain-Barré syndrome | <5 | - | 18 | 0.2 | - | - | <5 | - | 16 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Head injury | 7 | 0.2 | 178 | 1.9 | 185 | 1.4 | 25 | 0.5 | 506 | 5.5 | 531 | 2.0 | 716 | 2.6 |
| Huntington's chorea | 0 | 0.0 | 13 | 0.1 | 13 | 0.1 | <5 | - | 17 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Hydrocephalus | 29 | 0.9 | 23 | 0.2 | 52 | 0.4 | 56 | 1.0 | 37 | 0.4 | 93 | 0.4 | 145 | 0.5 |
| Meningitis | 7 | 0.2 | 12 | 0.1 | 19 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 22 | 0.2 | 28 | 0.1 | 47 | 0.2 |
| Migraine | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Motor neurone disease | 0 | 0.0 | 28 | 0.3 | 28 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 40 | 0.4 | 40 | 0.2 | 68 | 0.2 |
| Multiple sclerosis | 0 | 0.0 | 1840 | 19.2 | 1840 | 14.4 | <5 | - | 805 | 8.8 | - | - | - | 9.7 |
| Muscular dystrophy | 20 | 0.6 | 73 | 0.8 | 93 | 0.7 | 70 | 1.3 | 124 | 1.4 | 194 | 0.7 | 287 | 1.1 |
| Myalgic encephalomyelitis | 0 | 0.0 | 34 | 0.4 | 34 | 0.3 | <5 | - | 8 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.2 |
| Paralytic syndromes: diplegia | 6 | 0.2 | 5 | 0.1 | 11 | 0.1 | 13 | 0.2 | 14 | 0.2 | 27 | 0.1 | 38 | 0.1 |
| Paralytic syndromes: monoplegia | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | <5 | - | 11 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Paralytic syndromes: paraplegia | <5 | - | 65 | 0.7 | - | - | 6 | 0.1 | 186 | 2.0 | 192 | 0.7 | - | 1.0 |
| Paralytic syndromes: quadraplegia | 5 | 0.2 | 20 | 0.2 | 25 | 0.2 | 5 | 0.1 | 89 | 1.0 | 94 | 0.4 | 119 | 0.4 |
| Parkinson's disease and related disorders | 0 | 0.0 | 97 | 1.0 | 97 | 0.8 | 0 | 0.0 | 122 | 1.3 | 122 | 0.5 | 219 | 0.8 |
| Spina bifida | 47 | 1.5 | 215 | 2.2 | 262 | 2.0 | 58 | 1.1 | 175 | 1.9 | 233 | 0.9 | 495 | 1.8 |
| Spina bifida and hydrocephalus | 66 | 2.1 | 132 | 1.4 | 198 | 1.5 | 67 | 1.3 | 121 | 1.3 | 188 | 0.7 | 386 | 1.4 |
| Stroke hemiplegia | 24 | 0.8 | 444 | 4.6 | 468 | 3.7 | 40 | 0.7 | 608 | 6.6 | 648 | 2.5 | 1116 | 4.1 |
| Myasthenia gravis | 0 | 0.0 | 13 | 0.1 | 13 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.1 | 5 | 0.0 | 18 | 0.1 |
| Encephalitis | 5 | 0.2 | 13 | 0.1 | 18 | 0.1 | <5 | - | 7 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Myelitis | <5 | - | 14 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 7 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Spinal injury | <5 | - | 123 | 1.3 | - | - | <5 | - | 290 | 3.2 | - | - | - | 1.5 |

ⁱ To protect against the risk of indirect identification of individuals, any cells with less than five cases have been suppressed and denoted with the symbol '<5'. Affected row subtotals and totals have also been suppressed on this table.

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| | Female | | | | | | Male | | | | | | Overall total | |
|--|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27301* |
| Nervous system (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dystonia | <5 | - | 40 | 0.4 | - | - | 11 | 0.2 | 15 | 0.2 | 26 | 0.1 | - | 0.3 |
| Neuropathy | 6 | 0.2 | 38 | 0.4 | 44 | 0.3 | 7 | 0.1 | 34 | 0.4 | 41 | 0.2 | 85 | 0.3 |
| Paralytic syndromes: Erb's palsy | 46 | 1.4 | 6 | 0.1 | 52 | 0.4 | 44 | 0.8 | 10 | 0.1 | 54 | 0.2 | 106 | 0.4 |
| Mononeuritis | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Myopathy | <5 | - | 7 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 7 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Other demyelinating diseases of the central nervous system | <5 | - | 21 | 0.2 | - | - | <5 | - | 21 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.2 |
| Myelopathies | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Unspecified nervous system diagnostic category | 27 | 0.8 | 116 | 1.2 | 143 | 1.1 | 63 | 1.2 | 80 | 0.9 | 143 | 0.5 | 286 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Musculo-skeletal system | 222 | 6.9 | 1850 | 19.3 | 2072 | 16.2 | 216 | 4.0 | 1281 | 14.0 | 1497 | 5.7 | 3569 | 13.1 |
| Absence or loss of extremity (incl. double amputation) | 30 | 0.9 | 95 | 1.0 | 125 | 1.0 | 41 | 0.8 | 281 | 3.1 | 322 | 1.2 | 447 | 1.6 |
| Arthritis (other than osteo or rheumatoid) | 20 | 0.6 | 148 | 1.5 | 168 | 1.3 | 10 | 0.2 | 83 | 0.9 | 93 | 0.4 | 261 | 1.0 |
| Arthrogyrosis | 8 | 0.3 | 27 | 0.3 | 35 | 0.3 | 17 | 0.3 | 22 | 0.2 | 39 | 0.1 | 74 | 0.3 |
| Back problems | <5 | - | 215 | 2.2 | - | - | <5 | - | 164 | 1.8 | - | - | - | 1.4 |
| Deformities/malformations | 30 | 0.9 | 38 | 0.4 | 68 | 0.5 | 45 | 0.8 | 47 | 0.5 | 92 | 0.3 | 160 | 0.6 |
| Hip problems | 13 | 0.4 | 56 | 0.6 | 69 | 0.5 | 10 | 0.2 | 36 | 0.4 | 46 | 0.2 | 115 | 0.4 |
| Knee problems | <5 | - | 21 | 0.2 | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 14 | 0.2 | 14 | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Osteo-arthritis | <5 | - | 311 | 3.2 | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 111 | 1.2 | 111 | 0.4 | - | 1.6 |
| Osteoporosis | 0 | 0.0 | 50 | 0.5 | 50 | 0.4 | <5 | - | 16 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.3 |
| Osteomyelitis | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.1 | 5 | 0.0 | 11 | 0.0 |
| Rheumatism ⁱ | 0 | 0.0 | 43 | 0.4 | 43 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.0 | 51 | 0.2 |
| Rheumatoid arthritis | 15 | 0.5 | 535 | 5.6 | 550 | 4.3 | <5 | - | 170 | 1.9 | - | - | - | 2.6 |
| Scoliosis/curvature of spine | 11 | 0.3 | 53 | 0.6 | 64 | 0.5 | 11 | 0.2 | 37 | 0.4 | 48 | 0.2 | 112 | 0.4 |
| Connective tissue disorder | 13 | 0.4 | 29 | 0.3 | 42 | 0.3 | 10 | 0.2 | 5 | 0.1 | 15 | 0.1 | 57 | 0.2 |
| Dwarfism | 18 | 0.6 | 16 | 0.2 | 34 | 0.3 | 10 | 0.2 | 16 | 0.2 | 26 | 0.1 | 60 | 0.2 |

ⁱ Rheumatism and rheumatoid arthritis are listed separately in this table despite the fact that the term 'rheumatism' is no longer recognised disorder in medical terms. From 2008, any individual who specifies their diagnosis as 'rheumatism' is asked to clarify the type of arthritis they have been diagnosed with.



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|---|------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27301* |
| Musculo-skeletal system (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Permanent injury to upper/lower limb | <5 | - | 68 | 0.7 | - | - | 5 | 0.1 | 147 | 1.6 | 152 | 0.6 | - | 0.8 |
| Osteodystrophies | 9 | 0.3 | 27 | 0.3 | 36 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.2 | 12 | 0.1 | 21 | 0.1 | 57 | 0.2 |
| Other permanent injuries (incl. skin graft) | <5 | - | 6 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 17 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Muscular atrophy | <5 | - | 11 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 18 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Unspecified musculo-skeletal diagnosis | 40 | 1.3 | 95 | 1.0 | 135 | 1.1 | 37 | 0.7 | 72 | 0.8 | 109 | 0.4 | 244 | 0.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Communication | 983 | 30.7 | 107 | 1.1 | 1090 | 8.5 | 2449 | 45.8 | 218 | 2.4 | 2667 | 10.1 | 3757 | 13.8 |
| Dyspraxia | 114 | 3.6 | 21 | 0.2 | 135 | 1.1 | 300 | 5.6 | 48 | 0.5 | 348 | 1.3 | 483 | 1.8 |
| Specific speech and language disorder | 507 | 15.9 | 24 | 0.3 | 531 | 4.2 | 1300 | 24.3 | 61 | 0.7 | 1361 | 5.1 | 1892 | 6.9 |
| Dyslexia | 35 | 1.1 | 28 | 0.3 | 63 | 0.5 | 64 | 1.2 | 40 | 0.4 | 104 | 0.4 | 167 | 0.6 |
| Disfluency | 15 | 0.5 | 6 | 0.1 | 21 | 0.2 | 45 | 0.8 | 11 | 0.1 | 56 | 0.2 | 77 | 0.3 |
| Speech problems | 213 | 6.7 | 21 | 0.2 | 234 | 1.8 | 446 | 8.3 | 27 | 0.3 | 473 | 1.8 | 707 | 2.6 |
| Language problems | 86 | 2.7 | <5 | - | - | - | 264 | 4.9 | 24 | 0.3 | 288 | 1.1 | - | 1.4 |
| Dysphasia | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | 7 | 0.1 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Dysphagia | <5 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | - | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Dysphonia | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | 5 | 0.1 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Developmental co-ordination disorder | 5 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.0 | 16 | 0.3 | 0 | 0.0 | 16 | 0.1 | 21 | 0.1 |
| Dysarthria | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Intellectual/developmental | 89 | 2.8 | 7 | 0.1 | 96 | 0.8 | 104 | 1.9 | 14 | 0.2 | 118 | 0.4 | 214 | 0.8 |
| Intellectual disability | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | 8 | 0.1 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Developmental delay | 76 | 2.4 | <5 | - | - | - | 87 | 1.6 | 5 | 0.1 | 92 | 0.3 | - | 0.6 |
| Persistent vegetative state | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Sensory integration dysfunction/sensory processing disorder | 11 | 0.3 | <5 | - | - | - | 8 | 0.1 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Behavioural | 13 | 0.4 | 13 | 0.1 | 26 | 0.2 | 63 | 1.2 | 28 | 0.3 | 91 | 0.3 | 117 | 0.4 |
| Schizophrenia | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Depression | 0 | 0.0 | 7 | 0.1 | 7 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Unspecified mental illness | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |

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|---|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27301* |
| Behavioural (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Attention deficit disorder | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | 30 | 0.6 | 12 | 0.1 | 42 | 0.2 | - | 0.2 |
| Autistic spectrum disorder | 6 | 0.2 | <5 | - | - | - | 29 | 0.5 | 8 | 0.1 | 37 | 0.1 | - | 0.2 |
| Tourette's syndrome | <5 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | - | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Dementia | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ear complaints | 293 | 9.2 | 920 | 9.6 | 1213 | 9.5 | 324 | 6.1 | 820 | 8.9 | 1144 | 4.3 | 2357 | 8.6 |
| Conductive deafness | 34 | 1.1 | 174 | 1.8 | 208 | 1.6 | 39 | 0.7 | 157 | 1.7 | 196 | 0.7 | 404 | 1.5 |
| Congenital deafness | 159 | 5.0 | 351 | 3.7 | 510 | 4.0 | 147 | 2.7 | 281 | 3.1 | 428 | 1.6 | 938 | 3.4 |
| Deafness not specified elsewhere | 35 | 1.1 | 165 | 1.7 | 200 | 1.6 | 46 | 0.9 | 145 | 1.6 | 191 | 0.7 | 391 | 1.4 |
| Sensorineural deafness | 45 | 1.4 | 116 | 1.2 | 161 | 1.3 | 48 | 0.9 | 107 | 1.2 | 155 | 0.6 | 316 | 1.2 |
| Tinnitus | 0 | 0.0 | 25 | 0.3 | 25 | 0.2 | 0 | 0.0 | 28 | 0.3 | 28 | 0.1 | 53 | 0.2 |
| Meniere's disease | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.1 | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.1 | 9 | 0.0 | 17 | 0.1 |
| Unspecified ear complaint diagnostic category | 20 | 0.6 | 81 | 0.8 | 101 | 0.8 | 44 | 0.8 | 93 | 1.0 | 137 | 0.5 | 238 | 0.9 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Endocrine and metabolic | 127 | 4.0 | 592 | 6.2 | 719 | 5.6 | 142 | 2.7 | 840 | 9.2 | 982 | 3.7 | 1701 | 6.2 |
| Diabetes | 58 | 1.8 | 501 | 5.2 | 559 | 4.4 | 71 | 1.3 | 791 | 8.6 | 862 | 3.3 | 1421 | 5.2 |
| Osteomalacia rickets | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Disorders of thyroid gland | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.1 | 9 | 0.1 | <5 | - | 5 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Other endocrine disorders | 8 | 0.3 | 11 | 0.1 | 19 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 7 | 0.1 | 13 | 0.0 | 32 | 0.1 |
| Metabolic disorders | 40 | 1.3 | 33 | 0.3 | 73 | 0.6 | 34 | 0.6 | 23 | 0.3 | 57 | 0.2 | 130 | 0.5 |
| Immunity disorders | 9 | 0.3 | 16 | 0.2 | 25 | 0.2 | 11 | 0.2 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Unspecified endocrine metabolic diagnostic category | 10 | 0.3 | 21 | 0.2 | 31 | 0.2 | 15 | 0.3 | 6 | 0.1 | 21 | 0.1 | 52 | 0.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eye complaints | 132 | 4.1 | 682 | 7.1 | 814 | 6.4 | 138 | 2.6 | 738 | 8.1 | 876 | 3.3 | 1690 | 6.2 |
| Blindness caused by diabetes | <5 | - | 46 | 0.5 | - | - | <5 | - | 45 | 0.5 | - | - | - | 0.3 |
| Blindness/low vision not specified elsewhere | 38 | 1.2 | 133 | 1.4 | 171 | 1.3 | 33 | 0.6 | 180 | 2.0 | 213 | 0.8 | 384 | 1.4 |
| Cataracts | <5 | - | 28 | 0.3 | - | - | 6 | 0.1 | 27 | 0.3 | 33 | 0.1 | - | 0.2 |



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| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27301* |
| Eye complaints (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Congenital blindness | 20 | 0.6 | 99 | 1.0 | 119 | 0.9 | 25 | 0.5 | 88 | 1.0 | 113 | 0.4 | 232 | 0.8 |
| Glaucoma | <5 | - | 37 | 0.4 | - | - | <5 | - | 51 | 0.6 | - | - | - | 0.3 |
| Retinal detachment | <5 | - | 32 | 0.3 | - | - | <5 | - | 36 | 0.4 | - | - | - | 0.3 |
| Retinosa pigmentosa | <5 | - | 104 | 1.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 121 | 1.3 | - | - | - | 0.9 |
| Retinopathy | 6 | 0.2 | 13 | 0.1 | 19 | 0.1 | <5 | - | 16 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Congenital anomalies of the eye | 30 | 0.9 | 87 | 0.9 | 117 | 0.9 | 32 | 0.6 | 75 | 0.8 | 107 | 0.4 | 224 | 0.8 |
| Visual Disturbances | <5 | - | 8 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Macular degeneration | <5 | - | 26 | 0.3 | - | - | <5 | - | 18 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.2 |
| Unspecified eye complaint diagnostic category | 21 | 0.7 | 69 | 0.7 | 90 | 0.7 | 23 | 0.4 | 78 | 0.9 | 101 | 0.4 | 191 | 0.7 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Respiratory system | 179 | 5.6 | 291 | 3.0 | 470 | 3.7 | 235 | 4.4 | 300 | 3.3 | 535 | 2.0 | 1005 | 3.7 |
| Asthma | 19 | 0.6 | 40 | 0.4 | 59 | 0.5 | 52 | 1.0 | 32 | 0.3 | 84 | 0.3 | 143 | 0.5 |
| Bronchitis/emphysema | <5 | - | 73 | 0.8 | - | - | <5 | - | 61 | 0.7 | - | - | - | 0.5 |
| Cystic fibrosis | 149 | 4.7 | 150 | 1.6 | 299 | 2.3 | 167 | 3.1 | 181 | 2.0 | 348 | 1.3 | 647 | 2.4 |
| Lung disease due to external agents (aspiration pneumonia) | <5 | - | 6 | 0.1 | - | - | 7 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.1 | 15 | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Unspecified respiratory system diagnostic category | 7 | 0.2 | 22 | 0.2 | 29 | 0.2 | 7 | 0.1 | 18 | 0.2 | 25 | 0.1 | 54 | 0.2 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Congenital | 225 | 7.0 | 78 | 0.8 | 303 | 2.4 | 279 | 5.2 | 72 | 0.8 | 351 | 1.3 | 654 | 2.4 |
| Cleft lip and palate | 86 | 2.7 | 13 | 0.1 | 99 | 0.8 | 124 | 2.3 | 15 | 0.2 | 139 | 0.5 | 238 | 0.9 |
| Chromosomal anomalies (incl. Down's syndrome, Larsen's syndrome) | 53 | 1.7 | 19 | 0.2 | 72 | 0.6 | 47 | 0.9 | 14 | 0.2 | 61 | 0.2 | 133 | 0.5 |
| Other congenital anomalies | 67 | 2.1 | 20 | 0.2 | 87 | 0.7 | 61 | 1.1 | 20 | 0.2 | 81 | 0.3 | 168 | 0.6 |
| Unspecified congenital diagnostic category | 19 | 0.6 | 26 | 0.3 | 45 | 0.4 | 47 | 0.9 | 23 | 0.3 | 70 | 0.3 | 115 | 0.4 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Circulatory system | 73 | 2.3 | 179 | 1.9 | 252 | 2.0 | 106 | 2.0 | 224 | 2.4 | 330 | 1.2 | 582 | 2.1 |
| Congenital heart disease | 62 | 1.9 | 27 | 0.3 | 89 | 0.7 | 90 | 1.7 | 24 | 0.3 | 114 | 0.4 | 203 | 0.7 |
| Coronary artery disease | <5 | - | 24 | 0.3 | - | - | <5 | - | 42 | 0.5 | - | - | - | 0.3 |

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| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27301* |
| Circulatory system (continued) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cerebrovascular disease (incl. sub-arachnoid haemorrhage) | 2 | 0.1 | 68 | 0.7 | 70 | 0.5 | <5 | - | 72 | 0.8 | - | - | - | 0.5 |
| Hypertensive disease | <5 | - | 13 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 13 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 0.1 | 11 | 0.0 | - | 0.1 |
| Peripheral vascular disease | <5 | - | 13 | 0.1 | - | - | <5 | - | 15 | 0.2 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Varicose veins (incl. varicose ulcers) | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Angina | <5 | - | 8 | 0.1 | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Unspecified circulatory system diagnostic category | <5 | - | 22 | 0.2 | - | - | 10 | 0.2 | 39 | 0.4 | 49 | 0.2 | - | 0.3 |
| Infectious and parasitic | - | - | 151 | 1.6 | - | - | 8 | 0.1 | - | - | 125 | 0.5 | 278 | 1.0 |
| AIDS | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| HIV | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.0 | 8 | 0.1 | 8 | 0.0 | - | 0.0 |
| Polio | <5 | - | 144 | 1.5 | - | - | <5 | - | 105 | 1.1 | - | - | - | 0.9 |
| Toxoplasmosis | <5 | - | <5 | 0.0 | - | - | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Lyme Disease | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Unspecified infectious parasitic diagnostic category | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | <5 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Neoplasms | 20 | 0.6 | 76 | 0.8 | 96 | 0.8 | 27 | 0.5 | 78 | 0.9 | 105 | 0.4 | 201 | 0.7 |
| Neoplasms | 20 | 0.6 | 76 | 0.8 | 96 | 0.8 | 27 | 0.5 | 78 | 0.9 | 105 | 0.4 | 201 | 0.7 |
| Digestive system | 25 | 0.8 | 78 | 0.8 | 103 | 0.8 | 36 | 0.7 | 34 | 0.4 | 70 | 0.3 | 173 | 0.6 |
| Crohn's disease | <5 | - | 25 | 0.3 | - | - | <5 | - | 6 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Liver problems (incl. Hepatitis B and/or C) | <5 | - | 26 | 0.3 | - | - | <5 | - | 8 | 0.1 | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Irritable bowel syndrome | 0 | 0.0 | 6 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.0 | <5 | - | 0 | 0.0 | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Coeliac disease | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Oesophagus, stomach and duodenum problems | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | 9 | 0.2 | 5 | 0.1 | 14 | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Intestinal Problems | 9 | 0.3 | 9 | 0.1 | 18 | 0.1 | 11 | 0.2 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Unspecified digestive system diagnostic category | 8 | 0.3 | 8 | 0.1 | 16 | 0.1 | 6 | 0.1 | 9 | 0.1 | 15 | 0.1 | 31 | 0.1 |



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| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Total | | | |
| | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % | n | % of 27301* |
| Genitourinary system | 19 | 0.6 | 54 | 0.6 | 73 | 0.6 | 24 | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.5 |
| Kidney disease or renal failure | 11 | 0.3 | 41 | 0.4 | 52 | 0.4 | 17 | 0.3 | 42 | 0.5 | 59 | 0.2 | 111 | 0.4 |
| Unspecified genito-urinary system diagnostic category | 8 | 0.3 | 13 | 0.1 | 21 | 0.2 | 7 | 0.1 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.1 |
| Blood and blood forming organs | 16 | 0.5 | 16 | 0.2 | 32 | 0.3 | 45 | 0.8 | 27 | 0.3 | 72 | 0.3 | 104 | 0.4 |
| Blood and blood forming organs | 16 | 0.5 | 16 | 0.2 | 32 | 0.3 | 45 | 0.8 | 27 | 0.3 | 72 | 0.3 | 104 | 0.4 |
| Skin disease or disorders | 13 | 0.4 | 57 | 0.6 | 70 | 0.5 | 12 | 0.2 | 12 | 0.1 | 24 | 0.1 | 94 | 0.3 |
| Dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa | 5 | 0.2 | 4 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.1 | <5 | - | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.0 |
| Erythematous conditions | 0 | 0.0 | 46 | 0.5 | 46 | 0.4 | 0 | 0.0 | <5 | - | - | - | - | 0.2 |
| Unspecified skin disease/disorder diagnostic category | 8 | 0.3 | 7 | 0.1 | 15 | 0.1 | 11 | 0.2 | 8 | 0.1 | 19 | 0.1 | 34 | 0.1 |

*Two people did not provide a response for diagnostic category

Therapeutic and Rehabilitation Services

Table 10 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

***Use of therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services by age group**

| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | All ages | |
|---|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|
| | n | % of 8546 | n | % of 18757 | n | % of 27303 |
| General services | | | | | | |
| Physiotherapist | 2757 | 32.3 | 5291 | 28.2 | 8048 | 29.5 |
| Occupational therapist | 2488 | 29.1 | 4535 | 24.2 | 7023 | 25.7 |
| Speech and language therapist | 4549 | 53.2 | 948 | 5.1 | 5497 | 20.1 |
| Chiropracist | 92 | 1.1 | 3189 | 17.0 | 3281 | 12.0 |
| Clinical nutritionist | 1228 | 14.4 | 2846 | 15.2 | 4074 | 14.9 |
| Orthotist/prosthetist | 1288 | 15.1 | 1973 | 10.5 | 3261 | 11.9 |
| Public health nurse | 1871 | 21.9 | 4553 | 24.3 | 6424 | 23.5 |
| Continence advisor | 302 | 3.5 | 973 | 5.2 | 1275 | 4.7 |
| Social worker | 1394 | 16.3 | 1676 | 8.9 | 3070 | 11.2 |
| Psychologist | 2209 | 25.8 | 1186 | 6.3 | 3395 | 12.4 |
| Counsellor | 225 | 2.6 | 979 | 5.2 | 1204 | 4.4 |
| Play therapist | 297 | 3.5 | 12 | 0.1 | 309 | 1.1 |
| Creative therapy | 190 | 2.2 | 410 | 2.2 | 600 | 2.2 |
| Complementary therapy | 388 | 4.5 | 1503 | 8.0 | 1891 | 6.9 |
| Assistive technology/client technical service | 422 | 4.9 | 1311 | 7.0 | 1733 | 6.3 |
| Community resource worker | 362 | 4.2 | 2552 | 13.6 | 2914 | 10.7 |
| Visual impairment specific services | | | | | | |
| Mobility/rehabilitation worker for the blind | 93 | 1.1 | 394 | 2.1 | 487 | 1.8 |
| Hearing impairment specific services | | | | | | |
| Audiologist | 1419 | 16.6 | 1445 | 7.7 | 2864 | 10.5 |
| Aural rehabilitation | 76 | 0.9 | 94 | 0.5 | 170 | 0.6 |
| Tinnitus retraining | 8 | 0.1 | 69 | 0.4 | 77 | 0.3 |

* When interpreting the tables included in this report please note that:
 'Use of service' refers to services the individual is currently receiving
 'Unmet need' refers to future requirement for services over the next 5 years
 'Enhanced service' refers to a situation where an individual is currently receiving a service but needs some change in that service in the future



Table 11 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Unmet need for therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services by age group

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------------|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Physiotherapy | Assessment required | 502 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 509 | 4072 | 134 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 4240 | 4749 | 17.4 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 98 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 98 | 289 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 289 | 387 | 1.4 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 | 56 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand | 603 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 610 | 4414 | 134 | 18 | 15 | 1 | 4582 | 5192 | 19.0 |
| Occupational therapy | Assessment required | 868 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 875 | 3133 | 64 | 22 | 10 | 1 | 3230 | 4105 | 15.0 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 247 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 247 | 203 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 203 | 450 | 1.6 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 18 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 1120 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1127 | 3349 | 64 | 22 | 10 | 1 | 3446 | 4573 | 16.7 |
| Speech and language therapy | Assessment required | 620 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 623 | 865 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 874 | 1497 | 5.5 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 583 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 583 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 93 | 676 | 2.5 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 15 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 1209 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1212 | 967 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 976 | 2188 | 8.0 |
| Chiropodist | Assessment required | 200 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 208 | 2826 | 22 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2856 | 3064 | 11.2 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 73 | 0.3 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 207 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 215 | 2901 | 22 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2931 | 3146 | 11.5 |
| Clinical nutritionist | Assessment required | 320 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 323 | 1460 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1480 | 1803 | 6.6 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 59 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 87 | 0.3 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 349 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 352 | 1523 | 17 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1543 | 1895 | 6.9 |
| Orthotist/prosthetist | Assessment required | 173 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 179 | 474 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 482 | 661 | 2.4 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 50 | 0.2 |

Table 11 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Unmet need for therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services by age group

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 187 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 193 | 511 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 519 | 712 | 2.6 |
| Public health nurse | Assessment required | 178 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 179 | 1245 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1264 | 1443 | 5.3 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 29 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 186 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 187 | 1269 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 1288 | 1475 | 5.4 |
| Continence advisor | Assessment required | 201 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 208 | 834 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 844 | 1052 | 3.9 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 21 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 205 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 212 | 852 | 6 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 862 | 1074 | 3.9 |
| Social worker | Assessment required | 185 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 187 | 981 | 11 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 997 | 1184 | 4.3 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 22 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 32 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 194 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 196 | 1006 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1023 | 1219 | 4.5 |
| Psychologist | Assessment required | 1022 | 37 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1069 | 834 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 845 | 1914 | 7.0 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 147 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 189 | 0.7 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 1172 | 38 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1220 | 882 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 893 | 2113 | 7.7 |
| Counsellor | Assessment required | 403 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 421 | 1475 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1495 | 1916 | 7.0 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 36 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36 | 49 | 0.2 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 418 | 12 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 436 | 1516 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1536 | 1972 | 7.2 |



Table 11 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Unmet need for therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services by age group

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Play therapist | Assessment required | 398 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 399 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 448 | 1.6 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 408 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 409 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 459 | 1.7 |
| Creative therapist | Assessment required | 413 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 416 | 488 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 492 | 908 | 3.3 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 416 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 419 | 497 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 501 | 920 | 3.4 |
| Complementary therapy | Assessment required | 402 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 406 | 2073 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2092 | 2498 | 9.1 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 24 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 407 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 411 | 2094 | 16 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2118 | 2529 | 9.3 |
| Assistive technology/client technical service | Assessment required | 379 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 395 | 880 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 890 | 1285 | 4.7 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 33 | 61 | 0.2 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 408 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 424 | 914 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 924 | 1348 | 4.9 |
| Community resource worker | Assessment required | 183 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 183 | 727 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 732 | 915 | 3.4 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 16 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 185 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 186 | 742 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 747 | 933 | 3.4 |

Table 11 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Unmet need for therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services by age group

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Visual impairment specific services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mobility/rehabilitation worker for the blind | Assessment required | 48 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 51 | 189 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 200 | 251 | 0.9 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 13 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 50 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 53 | 201 | 7 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 212 | 265 | 1.0 |
| Hearing impairment specific services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Audiologist | Assessment required | 239 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 241 | 663 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 675 | 916 | 3.4 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 68 | 0.2 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 280 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 282 | 692 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 704 | 986 | 3.6 |
| Aural rehabilitation | Assessment required | 34 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 36 | 204 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 206 | 242 | 0.9 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 35 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 37 | 215 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 217 | 254 | 0.9 |
| Tinnitus retraining | Assessment required | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 194 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 194 | 206 | 0.8 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 205 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 205 | 218 | 0.8 |



Personal assistance and support services

Table 12 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Use of personal assistance and support services by age group

| | Under 18 years | | 18 and over | | All ages | |
|---|----------------|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|------------|
| | n | % of 8546 | n | % of 18757 | n | % of 27303 |
| General services | | | | | | |
| Personal assistant | 439 | 5.1 | 1200 | 6.4 | 1639 | 6.0 |
| Home help | 281 | 3.3 | 2213 | 11.8 | 2494 | 9.1 |
| Home care assistant | 177 | 2.1 | 675 | 3.6 | 852 | 3.1 |
| Twilight nurse | 24 | 0.3 | 36 | 0.2 | 60 | 0.2 |
| Driving instructor (adapted car) | 1 | 0.0 | 448 | 2.4 | 449 | 1.6 |
| Communication assistant | 26 | 0.3 | 65 | 0.3 | 91 | 0.3 |
| Peer support | 540 | 6.3 | 2400 | 12.8 | 2940 | 10.8 |
| Visual impairment specific services | | | | | | |
| Guide dog service | 0 | 0.0 | 123 | 0.7 | 123 | 0.5 |
| Personal reader | 10 | 0.1 | 46 | 0.2 | 56 | 0.2 |
| Tape library support | 66 | 0.8 | 659 | 3.5 | 725 | 2.7 |
| Braille (library support) | 20 | 0.2 | 115 | 0.6 | 135 | 0.5 |
| Large print(library support) | 66 | 0.8 | 226 | 1.2 | 292 | 1.1 |
| Sighted guide | 6 | 0.1 | 67 | 0.4 | 73 | 0.3 |
| Hearing impairment specific services | | | | | | |
| Sign language interpreter | 59 | 0.7 | 184 | 1.0 | 243 | 0.9 |
| Speed text | 5 | 0.1 | 77 | 0.4 | 82 | 0.3 |
| Lip speaking | 37 | 0.4 | 89 | 0.5 | 126 | 0.5 |
| Sign language tuition | 52 | 0.6 | 142 | 0.8 | 194 | 0.7 |



Table 13 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Unmet need for personal assistance and support services by age group

| | | Under 18 years | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Personal assistant | Assessment required | 242 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 260 | 1458 | 38 | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1527 | 1787 | 6.5 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 109 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 109 | 149 | 0.5 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 283 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 301 | 1576 | 38 | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1645 | 1946 | 7.1 |
| Home help | Assessment required | 186 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 190 | 1886 | 66 | 32 | 26 | 4 | 2014 | 2204 | 8.1 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 77 | 0.3 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 18 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 195 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 199 | 1972 | 66 | 32 | 26 | 4 | 2100 | 2299 | 8.4 |
| Home care assistant | Assessment required | 195 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 197 | 784 | 24 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 828 | 1025 | 3.8 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 23 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 35 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 208 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 210 | 815 | 25 | 15 | 5 | 0 | 860 | 1070 | 3.9 |
| Twilight nurse | Assessment required | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 178 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 183 | 210 | 0.8 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 181 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 186 | 213 | 0.8 |
| Driving instructor (adapted car) | Assessment required | 24 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 35 | 950 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 963 | 998 | 3.7 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 23 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 9 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 25 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 36 | 981 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 994 | 1030 | 3.8 |
| Communication assistant | Assessment required | 77 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 81 | 224 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 228 | 309 | 1.1 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 79 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 83 | 234 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 238 | 321 | 1.2 |



Table 13 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Unmet need for personal assistance and support services by age group

| | | Under 18 years | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Peer support | Assessment required | 432 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 444 | 1366 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1371 | 1815 | 6.6 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 16 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 437 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 449 | 1382 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1387 | 1836 | 6.7 |
| Guide dog service | Assessment required | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 17 | 140 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 153 | 170 | 0.6 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 15 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 21 | 153 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 167 | 188 | 0.7 |
| Personal reader | Assessment required | 25 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 27 | 171 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 174 | 201 | 0.7 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 26 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 29 | 181 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 184 | 213 | 0.8 |
| Tape (library support) | Assessment required | 71 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 278 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 279 | 353 | 1.3 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | 25 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 75 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 304 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 305 | 383 | 1.4 |
| Braille (library support) | Assessment required | 18 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 43 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 64 | 0.2 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 20 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 47 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 70 | 0.3 |
| Large print (library support) | Assessment required | 78 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 80 | 251 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 251 | 331 | 1.2 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 18 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 85 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 87 | 267 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 267 | 354 | 1.3 |

Table 13 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Unmet need for personal assistance and support services by age group

| | | Under 18 years | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Sighted guide | Assessment required | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 120 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | 132 | 0.5 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 127 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 129 | 140 | 0.5 |
| Hearing impairment specific services Sign language interpreter | Assessment required | 69 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 70 | 264 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 266 | 336 | 1.2 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 13 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 73 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 74 | 276 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 278 | 352 | 1.3 |
| Speed text | Assessment required | 55 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 248 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 250 | 307 | 1.1 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 28 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 19 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 57 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 293 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 295 | 354 | 1.3 |
| Lip speaking | Assessment required | 60 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 226 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 226 | 288 | 1.1 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 12 | 0.0 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 62 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 64 | 246 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 246 | 310 | 1.1 |
| Sign language tuition | Assessment required | 73 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 77 | 258 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 261 | 338 | 1.2 |
| | Assessed and on waiting list | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 24 | 0.1 |
| | Assessed but unable to avail of | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 18 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 82 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 86 | 291 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 294 | 380 | 1.4 |



Day Services

Table 14 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Use of day services and activities

| | n | % of 27303 |
|--|------|---------------|
| Baby and toddler groups | | |
| Mainstream baby and toddler group | 116 | 0.4 |
| Specialist baby and toddler group | 41 | 0.2 |
| Pre-school | | |
| Mainstream (without health-related services) pre-school | 573 | 2.1 |
| Mainstream (with health-related services) pre-school | 66 | 0.2 |
| Mainstream (with dedicated class but without health-related services) pre-school | 16 | 0.1 |
| Mainstream (with dedicated class and with health-related services) pre-school | 7 | 0.0 |
| Specialist (physical and sensory disability) pre-school | 104 | 0.4 |
| Specialist (intellectual disability) pre-school | 23 | 0.1 |
| Combined (specialist and mainstream) pre-school | 8 | 0.0 |
| Primary school | | |
| Mainstream (without health-related services) primary school | 3370 | 12.3 |
| Mainstream (with health-related services) primary school | 492 | 1.8 |
| Mainstream (with dedicated class but without health-related services) primary school | 513 | 1.9 |
| Mainstream (with dedicated class and with health-related services) primary school | 233 | 0.9 |
| Specialist (intellectual disability) residential primary school | 1 | 0.0 |
| Specialist (physical and sensory disability) residential primary school | 14 | 0.1 |
| Specialist (intellectual disability) day primary school | 58 | 0.2 |
| Specialist (physical and sensory disability) day primary school | 257 | 0.9 |
| Combined (specialist and mainstream) primary school | 51 | 0.2 |
| Primary School Education provided at home | 15 | 0.1 |
| Secondary school | | |
| Mainstream (without health-related services) secondary school | 1270 | 4.7 |
| Mainstream (with health-related services) secondary school | 138 | 0.5 |
| Mainstream (with dedicated class but without health-related services) secondary school | 112 | 0.4 |
| Mainstream (with dedicated class and with health-related services) secondary school | 22 | 0.1 |
| Specialist (intellectual disability) residential secondary school | 1 | 0.0 |
| Specialist (physical and sensory disability) residential secondary school | 27 | 0.1 |
| Specialist (intellectual disability) day secondary school | 32 | 0.1 |
| Specialist (physical and sensory disability) day secondary school | 129 | 0.5 |
| Combined (specialist and mainstream) secondary school | 13 | 0.1 |
| Secondary school education provided at home | 5 | 0.0 |
| Third level education | | |
| Third level education | 506 | 1.9 |
| Training, work and employment services | | |
| Rehabilitative training | 429 | 1.6 |
| Vocational training | 601 | 2.2 |
| Sheltered employment | 101 | 0.4 |
| Supported employment | 174 | 0.6 |
| Sheltered work | 152 | 0.6 |
| Part-time open employment/self employment | 1136 | 4.2 |
| Full-time open employment/self employment | 1863 | 6.8 |



Table 14 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008**Use of day services and activities**

| | n | % of 27303 |
|---|----------|-----------------------|
| Activation services | | |
| Resource centre for older people | 58 | 0.2 |
| Resource centre for people with an intellectual disability | 17 | 0.1 |
| Resource centre for people with a physical or sensory disability | 855 | 3.1 |
| Social and recreational service (older people) | 50 | 0.2 |
| Social and recreational service (intellectual disability) | 15 | 0.1 |
| Social and recreational service (physical and sensory disability) | 799 | 2.9 |
| Rehabilitation service (older people) | 8 | 0.0 |
| Rehabilitation service (physical and sensory disability) | 160 | 0.6 |
| Special care unit (intellectual disability) | 8 | 0.0 |
| Specialised day service for people with head injuries | 66 | 0.2 |
| Other day service | 431 | 1.6 |



Table 15 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | % of 27303 |
|--|---|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| Baby and toddler groups | | | | | | | | |
| Mainstream baby and toddler group | Need existing service enhanced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 48 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand | 55 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 59 | 0.2 |
| Specialist baby and toddler group | Need existing service enhanced | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0.2 |
| Pre-school | | | | | | | | |
| Mainstream pre-school (without health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 210 | 17 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 230 | 0.8 |
| | Overall demand | 245 | 18 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 266 | 1.0 |
| Mainstream pre-school (with health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 74 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 78 | 0.3 |
| | Overall demand | 103 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 0.4 |
| Mainstream pre-school (with dedicated class but without health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| Mainstream pre-school (with dedicated class and with health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 |

Table 15 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate | | | | | All years | % of |
|--|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | 27303 |
| Specialist pre-school (physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 29 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 53 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | 0.2 |
| Specialist pre-school (intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0.1 |
| Combined pre-school (specialist and mainstream) | Need existing service enhanced | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0.1 |
| Primary school | | | | | | | | |
| Mainstream primary school (without health- related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 340 | 13 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 357 | 1.3 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 161 | 18 | 9 | 0 | 1 | 189 | 0.7 |
| | Overall demand | 511 | 31 | 13 | 0 | 1 | 556 | 2.0 |
| Mainstream primary school (with health- related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 212 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 218 | 0.8 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 49 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 56 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand | 271 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 284 | 1.0 |
| Mainstream primary school (with dedicated class but without health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 0.3 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 65 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 16 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 155 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 157 | 0.6 |



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Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate | | | | | | % of |
|---|---|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| | | need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | 27303 |
| Mainstream primary school (with dedicated class and with health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 0.1 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 91 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 91 | 0.3 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 14 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 128 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 130 | 0.5 |
| Specialist residential primary school (physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| Specialist day primary school (intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 26 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 0.1 |
| Specialist day primary school (physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 50 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 52 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 59 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 61 | 0.2 |
| Combined primary school (specialist and mainstream) | Need existing service enhanced | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 30 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 48 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 0.2 |
| Primary school Education provided at home | Need existing service enhanced | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| Secondary school | | | | | | | | |
| Mainstream secondary school (without health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 479 | 88 | 74 | 43 | 10 | 694 | 2.5 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 507 | 88 | 75 | 43 | 10 | 723 | 2.6 |

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Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate | | | | | | % of |
|--|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| | | need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | 27303 |
| Mainstream secondary school (with health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 88 | 20 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 130 | 0.5 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 99 | 21 | 14 | 6 | 2 | 142 | 0.5 |
| Mainstream secondary school (with dedicated class but without health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 66 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 86 | 0.3 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 80 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 100 | 0.4 |
| Mainstream secondary school (with dedicated class and with health-related services) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 38 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 45 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 39 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 46 | 0.2 |
| Specialist residential secondary school (intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| Specialist residential secondary school (physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| Specialist day secondary school (intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 14 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 22 | 0.1 |
| Specialist day secondary school (physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 47 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 56 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 51 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 60 | 0.2 |



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Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate | | | | | % of | |
|---|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | 27303 |
| Combined secondary school (specialist and mainstream) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 15 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 17 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 19 | 0.1 |
| Secondary school education provided at home | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.0 |
| Third level education | | | | | | | | |
| Third level education | Need existing service enhanced | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0.1 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 267 | 51 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 345 | 1.3 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 81 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 87 | 0.3 |
| | Overall demand | 366 | 57 | 18 | 7 | 2 | 450 | 1.6 |
| Training, work and employment services | | | | | | | | |
| Rehabilitative training | Need existing service enhanced | 13 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0.1 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 99 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 102 | 0.4 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 307 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 308 | 1.1 |
| | Overall demand | 419 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 424 | 1.6 |
| Vocational training | Need existing service enhanced | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0.1 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 169 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 186 | 0.7 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 321 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 324 | 1.2 |
| | Overall demand | 521 | 9 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 541 | 2.0 |
| Sheltered employment | Need existing service enhanced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 42 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 47 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 71 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 76 | 0.3 |

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Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate | | | | | | % of |
|--|---|------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| | | need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | 27303 |
| Supported employment | Need existing service enhanced | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 115 | 7 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 128 | 0.5 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 88 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 89 | 0.3 |
| | Overall demand | 215 | 7 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 229 | 0.8 |
| Sheltered work | Need existing service enhanced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 37 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 38 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand | 75 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 76 | 0.3 |
| Part-time open employment/self employment | Need existing service enhanced | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0.1 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 200 | 8 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 212 | 0.8 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 275 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 281 | 1.0 |
| | Overall demand | 500 | 13 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 518 | 1.9 |
| Full-time open employment/self employment | Need existing service enhanced | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0.1 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 224 | 15 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 258 | 0.9 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 143 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 145 | 0.5 |
| | Overall demand | 382 | 17 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 418 | 1.5 |
| Activation services | | | | | | | | |
| Resource centre for older people | Need existing service enhanced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.0 |
| Resource centre for people with an intellectual disability | Need existing service enhanced | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 |
| Resource centre for people with a physical or sensory disability | Need existing service enhanced | 85 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 0.3 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 96 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 100 | 0.4 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 330 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 333 | 1.2 |
| | Overall demand | 511 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 519 | 1.9 |



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Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate | | | | | | % of |
|---|---|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|------------|
| | | need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | 27303 |
| Social and recreational service (older people) | Need existing service enhanced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0.0 |
| Social and recreational service (intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 24 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 0.1 |
| Social and recreational service (physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 107 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | 0.4 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 208 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 212 | 0.8 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 538 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 542 | 2.0 |
| | Overall demand | 853 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 861 | 3.2 |
| Rehabilitation service (older people) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Rehabilitation service (physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 0.1 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 120 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 | 0.4 |
| | Overall demand | 202 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 202 | 0.7 |
| Special care unit (intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| Specialised day service for people with head injuries | Need existing service enhanced | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 43 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 57 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand | 102 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | 0.4 |

Table 15 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Demand for day services and activities by year required

| | | Immediate | | | | | | % of |
|-------------------|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| | | need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | 27303 |
| Other day service | Need existing service enhanced | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 49 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for day service | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand | 109 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 112 | 0.4 |



Residential Services

Table 16 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Use of residential services by age group

| | Under 18 years | | 18 and over | | Total | |
|---|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | n | % of 8546 | n | % of 18757 | n | % of 27303 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care (older people) | 1 | 0.0 | 22 | 0.1 | 23 | 0.1 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care (intellectual disability) | 0 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.0 | 9 | 0.0 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care (physical and sensory disability) | 4 | 0.0 | 82 | 0.4 | 86 | 0.3 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care and therapy services (older people) | 0 | 0.0 | 16 | 0.1 | 16 | 0.1 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care and therapy services (intellectual disability) | 1 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 3 | 0.0 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care and therapy services (physical and sensory disability) | 1 | 0.0 | 168 | 0.9 | 169 | 0.6 |
| Nursing home | 0 | 0.0 | 195 | 1.0 | 195 | 0.7 |
| Welfare home | 2 | 0.0 | 10 | 0.1 | 12 | 0.0 |
| Independent unit in a dedicated complex with high support | 0 | 0.0 | 69 | 0.4 | 69 | 0.3 |
| Independent unit in a dedicated complex with low support | 0 | 0.0 | 67 | 0.4 | 67 | 0.2 |
| Independent unit in a dedicated complex with no support | 0 | 0.0 | 18 | 0.1 | 18 | 0.1 |
| Living independently in community with high support (more than 10 hours) | 0 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 | 2 | 0.0 |
| Living independently in community with low support (less than 10 hours) | 0 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.0 | 5 | 0.0 |
| Living in community in agency accommodation with agency support | 1 | 0.0 | 65 | 0.3 | 66 | 0.2 |
| Living independently in community with house adapted or re-housing | 0 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 | 1 | 0.0 |
| Specialist unit (e.g. group home for people with brain injury) | 2 | 0.0 | 29 | 0.2 | 31 | 0.1 |
| Acute general hospital | 1 | 0.0 | 31 | 0.2 | 32 | 0.1 |
| District/community hospital | 0 | 0.0 | 60 | 0.3 | 60 | 0.2 |
| Specialist hospital (e.g. NRH, Cappagh) | 0 | 0.0 | 11 | 0.1 | 11 | 0.0 |
| Mental health residential facility | 0 | 0.0 | 16 | 0.1 | 16 | 0.1 |
| Other | 4 | 0.0 | 27 | 0.1 | 31 | 0.1 |
| All services | 17 | 0.2 | 905 | 4.8 | 922 | 3.4 |



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Demand for residential services by year required

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total demand | |
|---|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care (Older people) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care (Intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0.0 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care (Physical and sensory disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 33 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 35 | 40 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 47 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 56 | 0.2 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care and therapy service (Older people) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |



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Demand for residential services by year required

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total demand | |
|--|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care and therapy service (Intellectual disability) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| Dedicated high support with nursing care and therapy services (physical and sensory) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 | 42 | 0.2 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 45 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 56 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand for service | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 91 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 96 | 102 | 0.4 |
| Nursing home | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 17 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 19 | 0.1 |
| Welfare home | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0.0 |

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Demand for residential services by year required

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total demand | |
|---|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Independent unit in a dedicated complex with high support | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 29 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 45 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 51 | 54 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand for service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 84 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 90 | 93 | 0.3 |
| Independent unit in a dedicated complex with low support | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 13 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 50 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 54 | 55 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand for service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 66 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 70 | 71 | 0.3 |
| Independent unit in a dedicated complex with no support | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0.0 |
| Living in community in agency accommodation with agency support | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 19 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 31 | 31 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 54 | 54 | 0.2 |
| Specialist unit (e.g. group home for people with brain injury) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 27 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 18 | 19 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 42 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 47 | 48 | 0.2 |



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Demand for residential services by year required

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total demand | |
|--|---|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Living independently in community with high support (> 10 hrs) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 21 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 53 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 58 | 59 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand for service | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 72 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 78 | 80 | 0.3 |
| Living independently in community with low support (<10 hrs) | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 46 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 50 | 51 | 0.2 |
| | Overall demand for service | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 58 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 62 | 63 | 0.2 |
| Living independently in community with no support | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 29 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 32 | 0.1 |
| Living independently in community with house adapted or re-housing | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 17 | 0.1 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 27 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 254 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 257 | 285 | 1.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 27 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 28 | 271 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 274 | 302 | 1.1 |
| Other | Need existing service enhanced | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.0 |
| | Need alternative/addition to existing service | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0.0 |
| | Unmet need for residential service | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 15 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 18 | 0.1 |

Respite Services

Table 18 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008
Use of respite services by age group

| | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | All ages | |
|---|----------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | n | % of 8546 | n | % of 18757 | n | % of 27303 |
| Planned respite services | | | | | | |
| Planned residential respite with high support | 64 | 0.7 | 600 | 3.2 | 664 | 2.4 |
| Planned residential respite with low support | 38 | 0.4 | 434 | 2.3 | 472 | 1.7 |
| Planned home-based respite | 99 | 1.2 | 50 | 0.3 | 149 | 0.5 |
| Summer camps (residential) | 97 | 1.1 | 96 | 0.5 | 193 | 0.7 |
| Summer camps (day) | 515 | 6.0 | 110 | 0.6 | 625 | 2.3 |
| Breakaway and befriending schemes | 57 | 0.7 | 196 | 1.0 | 253 | 0.9 |
| Holiday respite placement | 122 | 1.4 | 867 | 4.6 | 989 | 3.6 |
| Emergency respite services | | | | | | |
| Emergency residential respite with high support | 18 | 0.2 | 143 | 0.8 | 161 | 0.6 |
| Emergency residential respite with low support | 11 | 0.1 | 85 | 0.5 | 96 | 0.4 |
| Emergency home-based respite | 31 | 0.4 | 43 | 0.2 | 74 | 0.3 |



Table 19 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Unmet need for respite services by age group

| | | Under 18 | | | | | | 18 and over | | | | | | Total unmet need | |
|---|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| | | Immed. need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | Immed. need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | All years | n | % of 27303 |
| Planned residential respite with high support | Assessment required | 86 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 91 | 444 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 464 | 555 | 2.0 |
| | Required: assessed and on waiting list | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 27 | 0.1 |
| | Required: assessed but unable to avail of | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 13 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 93 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 98 | 477 | 14 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 497 | 595 | 2.2 |
| Planned residential respite with low support | Assessment required | 66 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 67 | 591 | 21 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 634 | 701 | 2.6 |
| | Required: assessed and on waiting list | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 28 | 0.1 |
| | Required: assessed but unable to avail of | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 69 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 70 | 620 | 21 | 8 | 14 | 0 | 663 | 733 | 2.7 |
| Planned home-based respite | Assessment required | 235 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 243 | 528 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 536 | 779 | 2.9 |
| | Required: assessed and on waiting list | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 11 | 0.0 |
| | Required: assessed but unable to avail of | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 0.0 |
| | Overall demand for service | 241 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 249 | 540 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 548 | 797 | 2.9 |
| Summer camp – residential | Assessment required | 319 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 326 | 279 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 280 | 606 | 2.2 |
| | Required: assessed and on waiting list | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 15 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 21 | 0.1 |
| | Required: assessed but unable to avail of | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 17 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 327 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 335 | 307 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 309 | 644 | 2.4 |
| Summer camp – day | Assessment required | 950 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 984 | 283 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 284 | 1268 | 4.6 |
| | Required: assessed and on waiting list | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 44 | 0.2 |
| | Required: assessed but unable to avail of | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 21 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 995 | 17 | 12 | 3 | 2 | 1029 | 303 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 304 | 1333 | 4.9 |
| Breakaway and Befriending scheme | Assessment required | 241 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 250 | 658 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 662 | 912 | 3.3 |
| | Required: assessed and on waiting list | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 16 | 0.1 |
| | Required: assessed but unable to avail of | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 15 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 249 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 258 | 681 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 685 | 943 | 3.5 |
| Holiday respite placement | Assessment required | 308 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 318 | 1531 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1546 | 1864 | 6.8 |
| | Required: assessed and on waiting list | 12 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 57 | 70 | 0.3 |
| | Required: assessed but unable to avail of | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 28 | 0.1 |
| | Overall demand for service | 325 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 336 | 1611 | 11 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1626 | 1962 | 7.2 |

Technical Aids and Appliances

Table 20 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Use of technical aids and appliances (TAA) groups by age group

| Technical aids and appliances | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | No. of people using at least one item | | Total items currently in use |
|---|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|------------------------------|
| | n | % of 8546 | n | % of 18757 | n | % of 27303 | n |
| Aids to mobility | 959 | 11.2 | 8091 | 43.1 | 9050 | 33.1 | 15708 |
| Orthotics and prosthetics | 1289 | 15.1 | 2324 | 12.4 | 3613 | 13.2 | 4337 |
| Vision aids | 220 | 2.6 | 1300 | 6.9 | 1520 | 5.6 | 3791 |
| Aids to hearing | 591 | 6.9 | 1785 | 9.5 | 2376 | 8.7 | 3775 |
| Communication aids | 88 | 1.0 | 161 | 0.9 | 249 | 0.9 | 262 |
| Incontinence aids | 196 | 2.3 | 1152 | 6.1 | 1348 | 4.9 | 1662 |
| Special furniture and other aids to personal care | 1282 | 15.0 | 6762 | 36.1 | 8044 | 29.5 | 18629 |
| Respiratory aids | 633 | 7.4 | 942 | 5.0 | 1575 | 5.8 | 2626 |
| Other | 455 | 5.3 | 2243 | 12.0 | 2698 | 9.9 | 2875 |



Table 21 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Use of technical aids and appliances

| | n | % of 27303 |
|---|----------|-------------------|
| Aids to mobility | | |
| Powered wheelchair | 1518 | 5.6 |
| Scooter | 230 | 0.8 |
| Manual specialised wheelchair | 1453 | 5.3 |
| Manual regular wheelchair | 3050 | 11.2 |
| Special pushchair or buggy | 230 | 0.8 |
| Special bicycle or tricycle | 269 | 1.0 |
| Portable ramps | 211 | 0.8 |
| Rollator | 591 | 2.2 |
| Specialised walker | 585 | 2.1 |
| Frame/zimmer | 794 | 2.9 |
| Walking sticks/canes/crutches | 3776 | 13.8 |
| Guidance canes | 255 | 0.9 |
| Support white stick | 107 | 0.4 |
| Grab rails and bars (including stair rails) | 1685 | 6.2 |
| Adapted vehicles (wheelchair rack for car, gears/lifts) | 953 | 3.5 |
| Propulsion unit (devices added to human-driven wheelchair to provide power and mechanisms to drive it e.g. steering, control, brakes) | 1 | 0.0 |
| Orthotics and prosthetics | | |
| Cervical/lumbar supports | 159 | 0.6 |
| Upper limb orthosis (e.g. arm calipers, splints and hand supports) | 698 | 2.6 |
| Upper limb prosthesis | 107 | 0.4 |
| Lower limb orthosis (e.g. leg/foot supports and splints) | 1731 | 6.3 |
| Lower limb prosthesis | 339 | 1.2 |
| Orthopaedic footwear (e.g. built up shoe) | 1081 | 4.0 |
| Other prosthetic devices | 49 | 0.2 |
| Other orthotic devices | 173 | 0.6 |
| Vision aids | | |
| <i>Information technology for people with a visual impairment</i> | | |
| Special computer equipment | 803 | 2.9 |
| Print/display magnification | 396 | 1.5 |
| Screen reader and voice synthesiser | 326 | 1.2 |
| Scanner | 319 | 1.2 |
| Braille printer | 30 | 0.1 |
| Notetakers (e.g. Braille 'n Speak) | 37 | 0.1 |
| Character reading machine (e.g. Kurzweil reading machine) | 11 | 0.0 |

Table 21 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Use of technical aids and appliances

| | n | % of 27303 |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| <i>Low vision aids</i> | | |
| Magnifier | 653 | 2.4 |
| Close-circuit television | 168 | 0.6 |
| Telescope | 191 | 0.7 |
| Overhead projector | 4 | 0.0 |
| <i>Braille equipment</i> | | |
| Braille Perkins machine | 91 | 0.3 |
| Braille paper | 46 | 0.2 |
| Dymogun | 18 | 0.1 |
| Other braille equipment | 37 | 0.1 |
| <i>Other vision aids</i> | | |
| Audible/tactile devices (e.g. talking scales, clocks, watches, tapes/dictaphone) | 576 | 2.1 |
| Writing aids (e.g. writing frame) | 84 | 0.3 |
| Light filters | 1 | 0.0 |
| Aids to hearing | | |
| Personal listening devices (e.g. loop system) | 248 | 0.9 |
| Fax/telephone device | 505 | 1.8 |
| Teletext equipment/caption readers | 323 | 1.2 |
| Hearing aids (including Cochlear implant device/digital hearing aid) | 2008 | 7.4 |
| Alerting devices (e.g. flashing alarm clocks, visual doorbell systems, baby alarm, smoke alarm, tactile alerting system) | 684 | 2.5 |
| Videophone | 7 | 0.0 |
| Communication aids | | |
| High technology communication devices (dedicated or integrated communication device) | 145 | 0.5 |
| Low technology communication devices (communication boards, single message voice output devices) | 106 | 0.4 |
| Talk tools (including jaw exercise kit; original horn kit and straw kit) | 10 | 0.0 |
| Accessories for telephoning | 1 | 0.0 |
| Incontinence aids | | |
| Neurostimulator | 19 | 0.1 |
| Catheter | 666 | 2.4 |
| Bags/pads | 958 | 3.5 |
| Urinary prosthesis | 9 | 0.0 |
| Aids for continence training (including incontinence alarms) | 10 | 0.0 |



Table 21 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Use of technical aids and appliances

| | n | % of 27303 |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| Special furniture and other aids to personal care | | |
| <i>Hoists</i> | | |
| Powered hoist (including hydraulic car hoist) | 741 | 2.7 |
| Manual hoist | 178 | 0.7 |
| Overhead hoist | 83 | 0.3 |
| <i>Lifts</i> | | |
| Floor through ceiling lift | 53 | 0.2 |
| Stair lift | 228 | 0.8 |
| External lift | 1 | 0.0 |
| <i>Special bed or bedding</i> | | |
| Powered bed | 1369 | 5.0 |
| Manual bed | 176 | 0.6 |
| Pressure relieving bed | 111 | 0.4 |
| Pressure relieving mattress | 744 | 2.7 |
| Bed accessories (e.g. boards, poles and ladders, tables) | 487 | 1.8 |
| Bed/mattress raiser | 7 | 0.0 |
| <i>Aids to lying</i> | | |
| Various wedges/rolls | 69 | 0.3 |
| Sleep Systems (e.g. SYMMETRISleep) | 54 | 0.2 |
| <i>Aids to toileting</i> | | |
| Bidet | 33 | 0.1 |
| Commode | 573 | 2.1 |
| Potty chair | 55 | 0.2 |
| Adapted toilet seats | 855 | 3.1 |
| Toilet surrounds | 413 | 1.5 |
| Urine bottle | 42 | 0.2 |
| <i>Aids to bathing</i> | | |
| Specialised bath | 116 | 0.4 |
| Powered bath aids (e.g. bathlift) | 260 | 1.0 |
| Manual bath aids (e.g. bath seat) | 615 | 2.3 |
| Shower aids (e.g. chairs / trolley/shield etc.) | 3089 | 11.3 |
| Bathroom grab rails and bars | 2540 | 9.3 |
| Adapted wash basin including height adjustment, lever taps and special shape | 21 | 0.1 |
| Adapted shower | 13 | 0.0 |
| <i>Aids to sitting</i> | | |
| Specialised chairs | 1274 | 4.7 |
| Car seats | 251 | 0.9 |



Table 21 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008**Use of technical aids and appliances**

| | n | % of 27303 |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| High chairs for children | 81 | 0.3 |
| Pressure relieving cushions | 568 | 2.1 |
| Wedges | 44 | 0.2 |
| Chair raiser | 28 | 0.1 |
| Custom specialised seating insert | 150 | 0.5 |
| <i>Aids to standing</i> | | |
| Parallel bars | 36 | 0.1 |
| Standing frame | 344 | 1.3 |
| Powered standing frame | 6 | 0.0 |
| Sit-to-stand frame | 1 | 0.0 |
| <i>Other special furniture and aids to personal care</i> | | |
| Environmental control (e.g. possum, intercom systems, alarm systems, panic button, door opening device) | 152 | 0.6 |
| Monitoring Systems: devices to monitor the status of a specific situation (e.g. heart monitor, insulin alarm, baby alarm, apnoea monitor, pulse oximeter, seizure alarm) | 71 | 0.3 |
| Reading aids (e.g. riser board, book support, book holder) | 11 | 0.0 |
| Dressing aids | 205 | 0.8 |
| Feeding aids (including pump/drip/peg feed) | 311 | 1.1 |
| Aids for administering medicines (e.g. injection guns, injection syringes/needles, dosing aids, infusion pumps) | 101 | 0.4 |
| Aids for dialysis therapy | 4 | 0.0 |
| Aids for housekeeping | 1 | 0.0 |
| Kitchen aids (includes trolley) | 372 | 1.4 |
| <i>Therapy aids</i> | | |
| Aids for circulation therapy (e.g. arm compression garment) | 8 | 0.0 |
| TENS (Transcutaneous Electrical Nerve Stimulators) | 159 | 0.6 |
| Multi-sensory (e.g. sensory integrated swing and play chair) | 22 | 0.1 |
| Exercise equipment (e.g. balls, mats, exercise bike) | 516 | 1.9 |
| Weights | 41 | 0.2 |
| Treatment table | 47 | 0.2 |
| Heated pads | 47 | 0.2 |
| Muscle stimulator | 124 | 0.5 |
| Therapeutic listening device | 23 | 0.1 |
| Therapeutic tapes/CD's/tinnitus relaxer/masker/assistive device/noise generator | 25 | 0.1 |
| Variable frequency photo-stimulation (light mask) | 2 | 0.0 |
| Aids for grasping, holding and reaching | 541 | 2.0 |
| Assistive products for protecting the body | 1 | 0.0 |



Table 21 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Use of technical aids and appliances

| | n | % of 27303 |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| <i>Transfer aids</i> | | |
| Transfer board/sliding mat/turntable | 109 | 0.4 |
| Transfer slings | 27 | 0.1 |
| Respiratory aids | | |
| Peak flow meter | 51 | 0.2 |
| Nebulizers | 929 | 3.4 |
| Oxygen concentrators | 194 | 0.7 |
| Inhalers | 899 | 3.3 |
| Suction machines | 79 | 0.3 |
| Pep mask | 316 | 1.2 |
| Home ventilators (e.g. nippy ventilator, bi-pap) | 50 | 0.2 |
| Humidifier | 9 | 0.0 |
| Oxygen unit and tubing | 67 | 0.2 |
| Tracheostomy aids | 7 | 0.0 |
| Vibratory positive expiratory pressure system | 5 | 0.0 |
| Respiration meters: instruments for measuring the capacity of inspiration and expiration (incl. spirometers) | 7 | 0.0 |
| Aspirators: devices for sucking secretions and/or substances out of the lungs | 2 | 0.0 |
| Air cleaners: devices for removing pollutants from the air | 1 | 0.0 |
| Aids for respiratory therapy | 10 | 0.0 |
| Other | | |
| Body plaster/neofract jacket | 10 | 0.0 |
| Deep brain stimulation machine | 1 | 0.0 |
| Specialised hardware (e.g. mouse and joystick etc) | 48 | 0.2 |
| Standard computers (including laptop) for social/educational purposes | 541 | 2.0 |
| Specialised software (e.g. EZ keys software) | 126 | 0.5 |
| Standard computer accessories (e.g. computer desk) | 86 | 0.3 |
| Glucometer and associated equipment | 1597 | 5.8 |
| Standing stool | 61 | 0.2 |
| Drip stand | 23 | 0.1 |
| Mobile phone | 283 | 1.0 |
| Specialised helmet | 14 | 0.1 |
| Adjustable table/adapted desk | 80 | 0.3 |
| Pump to drain lymph nodes | 5 | 0.0 |



Table 22 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Future requirements for technical aids and appliances (TAA) by age group

| TAA groups | Under 18 | | 18 and over | | Number of people requiring at least one item | | Total items required |
|---|----------|-----------|-------------|------------|--|------------|----------------------|
| | n | % of 8546 | n | % of 18757 | n | % of 27303 | n |
| Aids to mobility | 499 | 5.8 | 2581 | 13.8 | 3080 | 11.3 | 3958 |
| Orthotics/prosthetics | 395 | 4.6 | 643 | 3.4 | 1038 | 3.8 | 1185 |
| Vision aids | 188 | 2.2 | 789 | 4.2 | 977 | 3.6 | 1765 |
| Aids to hearing | 267 | 3.1 | 1095 | 5.8 | 1362 | 5.0 | 2565 |
| Communication aids | 104 | 1.2 | 152 | 0.8 | 256 | 0.9 | 269 |
| Incontinence aids | 39 | 0.5 | 113 | 0.6 | 152 | 0.6 | 169 |
| Special furniture & other aids to personal care | 687 | 8.0 | 4091 | 21.8 | 4778 | 17.5 | 8906 |
| Respiratory aids | 84 | 1.0 | 107 | 0.6 | 191 | 0.7 | 252 |
| Other | 512 | 6.0 | 703 | 3.7 | 1215 | 4.5 | 1615 |



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Technical aids and appliances required

| | Assessed and requiring TAA | | Assessment required | | Year to be assessed | | | | Combined total |
|---|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------------|
| | | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | |
| Aids to mobility | | | | | | | | | |
| Powered wheelchair | 153 | 493 | 483 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 646 | |
| Scooter | 20 | 100 | 97 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 120 | |
| Manual specialised wheelchair | 96 | 344 | 334 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 440 | |
| Manual regular wheelchair | 86 | 288 | 274 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 374 | |
| Special pushchair or buggy | 34 | 63 | 62 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 97 | |
| Special bicycle or tricycle | 25 | 97 | 97 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | |
| Portable ramps | 37 | 209 | 208 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 246 | |
| Rollator | 19 | 84 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 103 | |
| Specialised walkers | 43 | 105 | 102 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 | |
| Frame/zimmer | 21 | 58 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 79 | |
| Walking sticks/canes/crutches | 32 | 248 | 243 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 280 | |
| Guidance canes | 6 | 16 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 22 | |
| Support white stick | 2 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | |
| Grab rails and bars | 140 | 758 | 749 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 898 | |
| Adapted vehicles (wheelchair rack for car) (gears/lifts) | 42 | 325 | 315 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 367 | |
| Orthotics & prosthetics | | | | | | | | | |
| Cervical/lumbar supports | 7 | 58 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | |
| Upper limb orthoses | 39 | 108 | 105 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 147 | |
| Upper limb prostheses | 16 | 22 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 38 | |
| Lower limb orthoses | 101 | 287 | 278 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 388 | |
| Lower limb prostheses | 22 | 64 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 86 | |
| Orthopaedic footwear (e.g. built up shoe) | 84 | 289 | 288 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 373 | |
| Other prosthetic devices | 5 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | |
| Other orthotic devices | 13 | 56 | 55 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | |
| Vision aids | | | | | | | | | |
| Information technology for people with a visual impairment | | | | | | | | | |
| Special computer equipment | 134 | 345 | 338 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 479 | |
| Print/display magnification | 51 | 163 | 160 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 214 | |
| Screen reader and voice synthesiser | 48 | 102 | 100 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 150 | |
| Scanner | 58 | 105 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 163 | |
| Braille printer | 7 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | |
| Notetaker (e.g. Braille 'n Speak) | 14 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 37 | |

Table 23 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database, Ireland 2008

Technical aids and appliances required

| | Assessed and requiring TAA | | Assessment required | | Year to be assessed | | | | Combined total |
|---|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------------|
| | | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | |
| Character reading machines (e.g. Kurzweil reading machine) | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | |
| Low vision aids | | | | | | | | | |
| Magnifiers | 34 | 157 | 156 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 191 | |
| Close circuit television | 42 | 75 | 74 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 117 | |
| Telescopes | 7 | 35 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 42 | |
| Overhead projector | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Braille equipment | | | | | | | | | |
| Braille Perkins machine | 6 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | |
| Braille paper | 3 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| Dymogun | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | |
| Other braille equipment | 2 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| Audible/tactile devices (e.g. talking scales, clocks) | 77 | 164 | 163 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 241 | |
| Writing aids (e.g. writing frame) | 12 | 44 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56 | |
| Aids to hearing | | | | | | | | | |
| Personal listening devices (e.g. loop system) | 59 | 240 | 238 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 299 | |
| Fax/telephone devices | 84 | 282 | 281 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 366 | |
| Teletext equipment/caption readers | 51 | 158 | 158 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 209 | |
| Hearing aid (incl. cochlear implant device/digital hearing aid) | 149 | 397 | 392 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 546 | |
| Alerting devices | 197 | 716 | 711 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 913 | |
| Videophone | 37 | 195 | 194 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 232 | |
| Communications aids | | | | | | | | | |
| High technology communication devices | 37 | 160 | 159 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 197 | |
| Low technology communication devices | 13 | 56 | 55 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 69 | |
| Talk tools | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| Incontinence aids | | | | | | | | | |
| Neurostimulator | 2 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| Catheters | 11 | 32 | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43 | |
| Bags/pads | 36 | 71 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 107 | |

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Technical aids and appliances required

| | Assessed and requiring TAA | | Assessment required | | Year to be assessed | | | | Combined total |
|--|----------------------------|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|------|------|----------------|
| | | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | |
| Aids for continence training | 1 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| Special furniture and other aids to personal care | | | | | | | | | |
| Hoists | | | | | | | | | |
| Powered hoists (including hydraulic car hoist) | 50 | 217 | 214 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 267 | |
| Manual hoists | 9 | 42 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 51 | |
| Overhead hoists | 8 | 32 | 31 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | |
| Lifts | | | | | | | | | |
| Floor through ceiling lifts | 9 | 19 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 28 | |
| Stair lifts | 41 | 228 | 224 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 269 | |
| External lifts | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Special bed or bedding | | | | | | | | | |
| Powered beds | 62 | 381 | 379 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 443 | |
| Manual beds | 7 | 38 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | |
| Pressure relieving beds | 8 | 81 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 89 | |
| Pressure relieving mattresses | 33 | 253 | 247 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 286 | |
| Bed accessories (e.g. boards, poles and ladders) | 20 | 102 | 102 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 122 | |
| Aids to lying | | | | | | | | | |
| Various wedges/rolls | 14 | 58 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 72 | |
| Sleep systems (e.g. SYMMETRISleep) | 11 | 18 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | |
| Aids to toileting | | | | | | | | | |
| Commode | 12 | 49 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 61 | |
| Potty chair | 6 | 28 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | |
| Adapted toilet seats | 58 | 207 | 205 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 265 | |
| Toilet surrounds | 54 | 144 | 142 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 198 | |
| Bidet | 2 | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | |
| Urine bottle | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | |
| Aids to bathing | | | | | | | | | |
| Specialised bath | 23 | 156 | 155 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 179 | |
| Powered bath aids (e.g. bathlift) | 23 | 154 | 153 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 177 | |
| Manual bath aids (e.g. bath seat) | 50 | 223 | 221 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 273 | |
| Shower aids (e.g. chairs / | 323 | 1068 | 1059 | 4 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1391 | |

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| | Assessed and requiring TAA | | Assessment required | | Year to be assessed | | | | Combined total |
|--|----------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|------|-------------|----------------|
| | | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | |
| trolley/shield etc.) | | | | | | | | | |
| Bathroom grab rails and bars | 250 | 1056 | 1050 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 1306 | |
| Adapted wash basin (including height adjustment, lever taps and special shape) | 12 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | |
| Adapted shower | 3 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | |
| <i>Aids to sitting</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Specialised chairs (perch stool/chair) | 126 | 500 | 496 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 626 | |
| Car seats | 22 | 110 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 132 | |
| High chairs for children | 9 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | |
| Pressure relieving cushions | 29 | 201 | 199 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 230 | |
| Wedges | 5 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 | |
| Chair raiser | 3 | 12 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | |
| Custom specialised seating insert | 16 | 66 | 66 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 82 | |
| Devices for supporting the legs and/or feet | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| <i>Aids to standing</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Parallel bars | 2 | 23 | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | |
| Standing frame | 25 | 69 | 67 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 94 | |
| Powered Standing frame | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Sit-to-stand frame | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| <i>Other special furniture and aids to personal care</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Environmental control | 29 | 191 | 190 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 220 | |
| Monitoring systems | 9 | 21 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | |
| Reading aids | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | |
| Dressing aids | 14 | 119 | 119 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 133 | |
| Feeding aids | 10 | 55 | 55 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | |
| Kitchen aids | 35 | 368 | 366 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 403 | |
| Aids for administering medicines (e.g. injection guns, injection systems) | 2 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| Aids for housekeeping | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| <i>Therapy aids</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| Aids for circulation | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | |
| TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulators) | 6 | 48 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 54 | |

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Technical aids and appliances required

| | Assessed and requiring TAA | | Assessment required | | Year to be assessed | | | | Combined total |
|---|----------------------------|-----|---------------------|------|---------------------|------|------|-----|----------------|
| | | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | |
| Multi-sensory (e.g. sensory room) | 9 | 29 | 29 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | |
| Exercise equipment (e.g. balls and mats) | 39 | 230 | 230 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 269 | |
| Weights | 2 | 32 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | |
| Treatment table | 7 | 27 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 34 | |
| Heated pads | 5 | 94 | 93 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 99 | |
| Muscle stimulator | 17 | 106 | 106 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 123 | |
| Therapeutic listening device | 13 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | |
| Therapeutic tapes/CDs | 4 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | |
| Aids for grasping, holding, reaching (e.g. pick-up/reaching aid, key/door handle opener, non-slip mats) | 35 | 303 | 301 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 338 | |
| Assistive products for protecting the body | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | |
| Transfer aids | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfer boards | 2 | 39 | 39 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 | |
| Transfer slings | 1 | 14 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | |
| Respiratory aids | | | | | | | | | |
| Peak-flow meter | 0 | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | |
| Nebulizers (including aero chamber) | 18 | 95 | 95 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 113 | |
| Oxygen concentrators | 5 | 24 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | |
| Inhalers | 7 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | |
| Suction machines | 0 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | |
| Pep mask | 5 | 25 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 | |
| Home ventilator | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Humidifier | 2 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | |
| Oxygen unit & tubing | 5 | 13 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | |
| Vibratory positive expiratory pressure system | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | |
| Air cleaners: devices for removing pollutants from the air | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Aids for respiratory therapy | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |
| Adjustable table/adapted desk | 10 | 28 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 38 | |
| Specialised helmet | 1 | 10 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 11 | |

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| | Assessed and requiring TAA | | Assessment required | | Year to be assessed | | | | Combined total |
|--|----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------------|
| | | | Immediate need | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | | |
| Mobile phone | 33 | 182 | 181 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 215 | |
| Drip stand | 2 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | |
| Standing stool | 4 | 35 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 39 | |
| Glucometer and associated equipment | 15 | 35 | 34 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | |
| Standard computer accessories | 22 | 177 | 177 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 199 | |
| Specialised software (e.g. EZ keys software) | 63 | 258 | 256 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 321 | |
| Standard computers for social/educational purposes | 124 | 549 | 538 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 673 | |
| Specialised hardware (e.g. Joystick, mouse etc) | 11 | 47 | 47 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | |
| Body plaster/neofract jacket | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| TOTAL | 4123 | 16549 | 16359 | 130 | 36 | 19 | 5 | 20672 | |

*In 2008 there were 12 requests for technical aids and appliances where the data provided did not indicate whether the people requesting the equipment had been assessed or not. As a result, information relating to these requests is not included in Table 23