



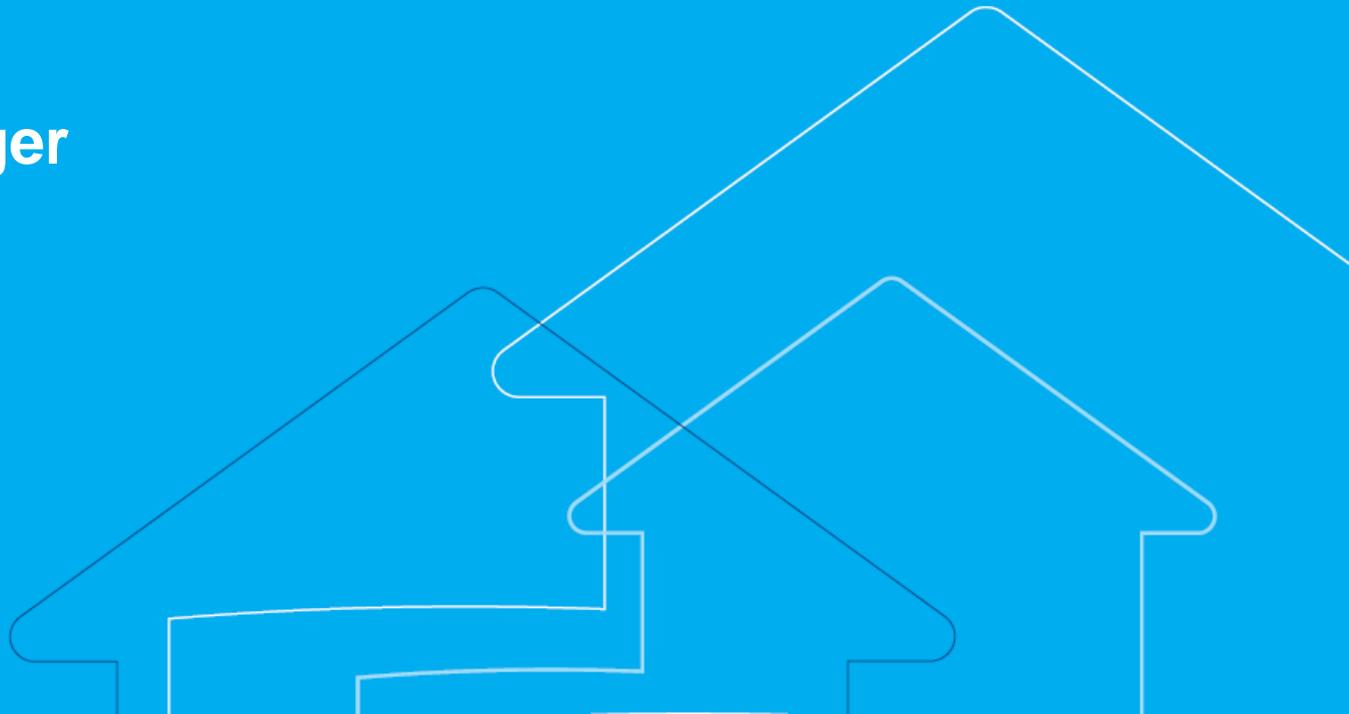
# National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011 - 2016

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# National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability



- ‘To facilitate access, for people with disabilities, to the appropriate range of housing & related support services, delivered in an integrated & sustainable manner, which promotes equality of opportunity, individual choice & independent living’
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- Timescale 2011 - 2016

# National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability



- 9 Strategic Aims
- Timescale 2011 – 2016
- Implementation Framework published in July 2012
- 80 Priority Actions
- Implementation Phase
- National Housing Subgroup

# National Housing Subgroup

- Chaired by Housing Agency
- Government Departments
- Health Services Executive
- Disability Sector representation
- Local Authority Sector
- Irish Council for Social Housing

# National Housing Subgroup

- Project Manager reporting to the Group
- Implementation focus and action driven
- Monthly Meetings
- Annual Priority Actions
- 2013 focused on progressing process for transitioning from Congregated Setting

# Congregated Settings

- Funding available for leasing of properties
- Approved Housing Bodies involvement
- Four pilot areas
- Purchased properties
- Process issues resolved
- Still challenges

# 2014 Priority Actions

- National guidelines for housing assessment and allocation for people transitioning from institutional settings
- Housing and Disability Steering Groups
- Advice Centres
- Staff Training
- Mental Health Community Residences

# Housing and Disability Steering Group



- Operational focus not policy development
- One in each area
- Chaired by Assistant City Manager or Director of Services for Housing
- HSE Representative
- Disability Sector Representatives
- Housing Association Representatives



# Role of Housing and Disability Steering Group



- National Housing Strategy for People with Disabilities, including the housing of people with disabilities transitioning from institutional care;
- Local interagency protocols;
- Developing plans to meet the housing needs and related supports for people with disabilities;
- Provision of services to people with disabilities including employment, education and training;
- Forum for the exchange of information;

# Transitioning from Congregated Setting



- Guidance on Assessment and Allocation
- Leasing Model
- Application Process
- Identifying people for 2014
- Targets for 2014
- Targets for 2015

# Challenges

- Determining the need
- Accessing the Supply
- Promoting mainstream options
- Support Services
- Lack of Capacity Legislation
- Appropriate Funding



# Thank You

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