

Digital and Assistive Technology Programme

Terms of Reference

Purpose

To develop a strategy and framework to implement improved use of digital and assistive technology (DAT) in disability services in Ireland, addressing short, medium and longer term priorities. Monitor and coordinate with any emerging national policy and the work of the AT subgroup of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy.

Scope

All users of Health and Social Care Disability Services (adults and children).

Aims/Objectives

- Map existing DAT use, needs and gaps in provision and use of DAT.
- Develop a layered/stepped framework for access to and support of DAT.
- Review existing policy and make policy revision recommendations, drawing on relevant national and global policy developments.
- Conduct comprehensive stakeholder analysis, identify potential champions and key partners in industry, civil society and service provider partners.
- Explore and adopt a change approach/framework which is best fit for implementing changes and improvements in the use of DAT in Ireland.
- Conduct survey of innovative practices with view to identifying scalable projects
- Identify and develop key areas of focus to address current and future needs.
- Identify the most effective ways of influencing relevant stakeholders.

Membership

Executive Group: NCPD (Mac MacLachlan and Mike Walsh), National Disability Children's Services (Michael Byrne, Caroline Cantan), National Disability Adult Services (Helen McDaid), National Disability Strategy and Planning (Suzanne Moloney), HSE National Disability IT (Colm Moroney), Service Provider and User Perspectives (ID, Physical & Sensory, Parent/Carer). Additional competencies can be co-opted to the group as required.

Frequency of Meetings

Fortnightly initially moving to monthly.

Accountability

The programme of work will be led by the National Clinical Programme for People with Disability and will therefore report through the CCO structure.