



Putting Service Users First: Priorities for the local election

St. Michael's House provides services to over 1800 people with a disability and their families in the Dublin area.

The Disability Capacity Review, and the Action Plan launched in December describes more than 4,400 people with disabilities living with significant unmet residential support needs, more than 18,000 children on waiting lists for Children's Network Development Teams, and a growing need for therapeutic services and supports. These unmet needs leave people with intellectual disabilities and autism without any way to access their rights to live in the community as set out in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We welcome the development of a plan to work towards ensuring that the allocation of residential supports no longer takes place on an emergency-only basis, as this approach leaves the responsibility for residential support largely with the families of people with intellectual disabilities, many of whom are very elderly. In successive years, the current approach has failed to realise the rights of people with disabilities as set out in Article 19 of the UNCRPD to live with supports in the community and has left people and their families in great distress, with no access to a planned future.

We encourage you to speak to your local representatives about the growing need for their commitment to investing in disability services.

St Michael's House is committed to expanding services for:

- Residential places and premises
- Day Service places
- New Premises
- Respite Facilities for adults and children
- Funding for transport to day services
- Increased training places to ensure future staffing
- A sustainable funding model



We have 55 priority beds on the St Michael's House waitlist

We are at capacity with our respite services with only 11 adult beds and 6 children's beds

We are at capacity in our Day services

No funding for Service User transport for day services