National Disability Policy

1. The[**National Disability Inclusion Strategy (2017-2021)**](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/8072c0-national-disability-inclusion-strategy-2017-2021/) (NDIS), was launched in 2017 and was originally intended to run for five years until the end of 2021. It was later extended to 2022.

The Strategy is a whole-of-government approach to improving the lives of people with disabilities. It is the key framework for policy and action to address the needs of people with disabilities. It provides a significant framework for all activity across government departments and agencies. This supports progress in delivering on the obligations in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) which was ratified in March 2018.

1. **The National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027** sets out the Government’s vision for delivering housing and related supports for disabled people and has been developed by the:

* Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
* Department of Health
* Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

The second National Strategy to 2027 will build on the achievements of the 2011 Strategy, continuing the journey of the last 10 years which saw:

* many people with disabilities allocated suitable housing
* new structures developed to align housing provision with needed health and social care supports
* progress made on de-congregation into community residential care
* increasing awareness and understanding of disability and housing within housing and disability services.

2022 Strategy places emphasis on disabled people having choice and control over their living arrangements.

The Strategy: <https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/213153/a6abe06d-5651-4313-b75c-46571b2378c2.pdf#page=null>

Easy-to-Read: <https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/213196/e930de51-e200-4fe5-aba8-ca6e81ecf2a7.pdf#page=null>

1. In November 2021, Ireland submitted its [**first state party report**](https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/75e45-irelands-first-report-to-the-united-nations-committee-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities/#:~:text=On%2010%20November%202021%2C%20Minister,rights%20of%20people%20with%20disabilities.) to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The report describes what Ireland is doing to protect and enhance the rights of people with disabilities.

The DPCN submitted a response to this report and it can be accessed here

<https://www.mentalhealthreform.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/DPCN-Response-to-State-Draft-Report-CRPD-9-April-2021.pdf>