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Life expectancy for adults with moderate/severe/profound intellectual disability has improved with 49% aged 35 years or older in 2017. This has implications for service planning.

Increased demand for full-time residential services as fewer places are becoming free over time.

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Services provided to people with intellectual disabilities

The majority of adults live with their families. As caregivers age, a wide range of additional services are required for people who wish to continue to live as independently as possible.

- **7,530** people were in receipt of full-time residential services
- **27,902** people availed of at least one day programme
- **23,583** people availed of one or more multidisciplinary support
- **4,104** people received respite nights
- **139** people were residing in psychiatric hospitals. A decrease of 6% compared to 2016

Services required by people with intellectual disabilities

**4,729**
new residential, day and/or residential support places will be needed in the period 2018-2022.

**10,418**
people currently receiving services require alternative, additional, or enhanced services in the period 2018-2022.

- **2,179** new full-time residential placements are required
- **2,267** people require changes or enhancements to their residential service
- **185** people require new day programmes
- **8,883** day places require changes or enhancements
- **19,589** people require new or enhanced multidisciplinary supports
- **2,365** new residential support services are required
- **1,461** people require changes or enhancements to their residential support service