

# National Physical and Sensory Disability Database Bulletin 2017



## CHO Area 8: Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth, Meath

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### Numbers registered

There were 3,067 people registered on the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD) in Community Health Organisation (CHO) Area 8 (Laois/Offaly, Longford/Westmeath, Louth, and Meath) in December 2017. 2,359 (76.9%) of these records were registered or reviewed within the last 5 years. In 2017, 156 new records were registered on the NPSDD and 1,586 existing

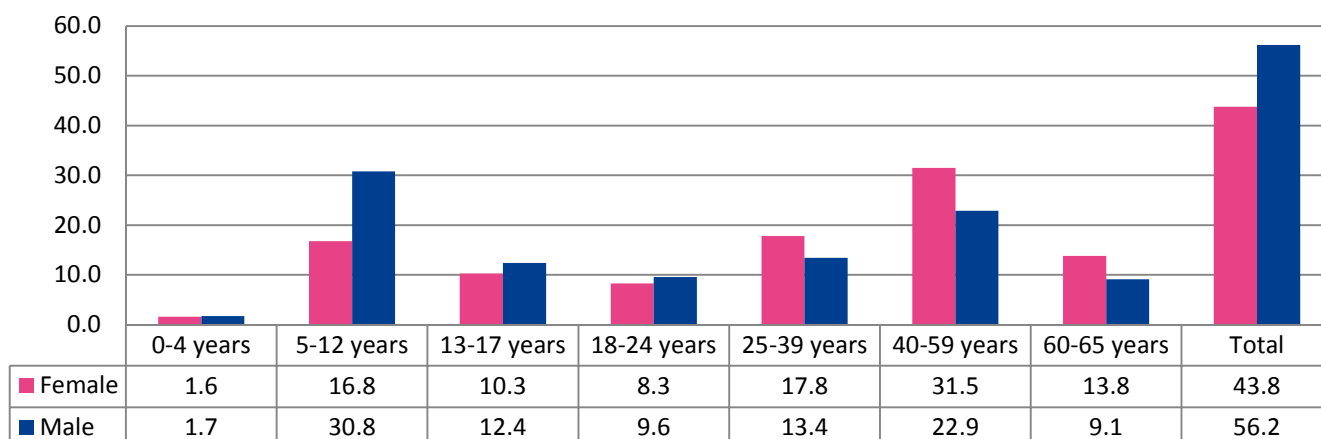
records were reviewed. The effective planning and provision of services is dependent on reliable information on the numbers and service needs of people with disabilities, therefore it is essential that everyone who is eligible for inclusion on the database is encouraged to participate, and information is reviewed frequently to ensure it is kept up to date.

**Table 1 Record status in CHO Area 8, NPSDD 2017**

	Registered or last reviewed in 2017		Registered or last reviewed 2013-2016 inclusive		Older record (registered or last reviewed prior to 2013)		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	% of total NPSDD (20,676)
Community Health Organisation (CHO) Area 8	1,742	56.8	617	20.2	708	23.1	3,067	14.9

### Demographic profile

**Figure 1 Percentage of people registered by age group and gender, CHO Area 8, NPSDD 2017**



**Table 2 Service users by age group and gender, CHO Area 8, 2017**

	0-4 years	5-12 years	13-17 years	18-24 years	25-39 years	40-59 years	60-65 years	Total
Female	21	226	138	111	239	424	185	<b>1,344</b>
Male	30	530	214	166	231	395	157	<b>1,723</b>

### Local Health Office

Table 3 details the number of individuals registered within each Local Health Office of CHO Area 8.

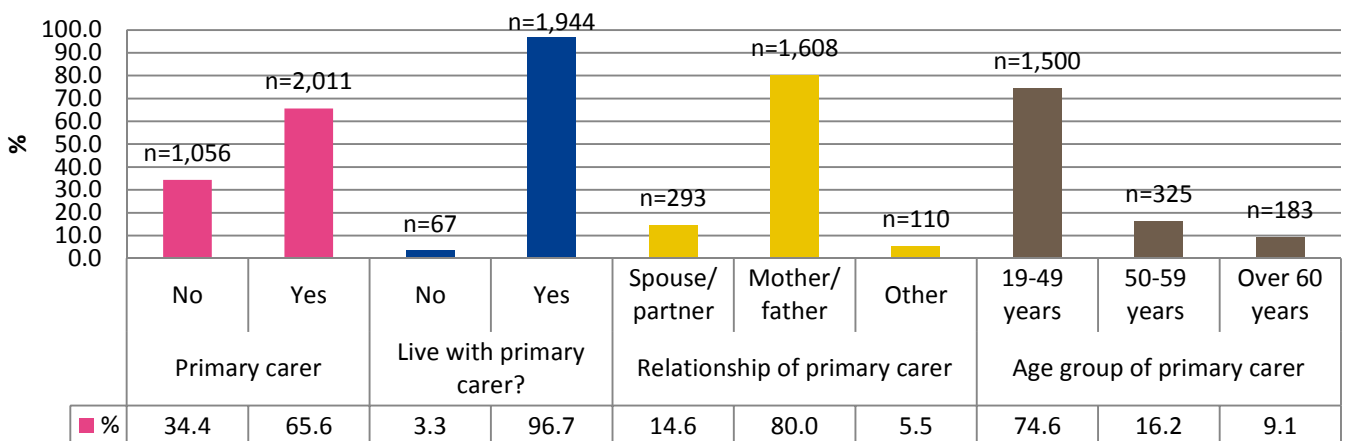
**Table 3 Number of people registered within the Local Health Offices of CHO Area 8, 2017**

Local Health Office Area of Residence	n	%
Louth Area 29	570	18.6
Meath Area 30	1,102	35.9
Laois/Offaly Area 31	655	21.4
Longford/Westmeath Area 32	740	24.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>100.0</b>

### Living accommodation and living arrangements in 2017

A total of 2,485 (81.0%) people in CHO Area 8 were living in private accommodation and 492 people (16.0%) were in rented accommodation. 90 people (3.0%) were residing in residential services, mobile homes, other accommodation or were homeless. The majority of people (2,687, 87.6%) were residing with family members, 261 people (8.5%) were living alone and the remaining 118 people (3.9%) described their living arrangements as living with non-relatives, in residential services, ‘other’ arrangements or with foster family. The living arrangements for one person was not known.

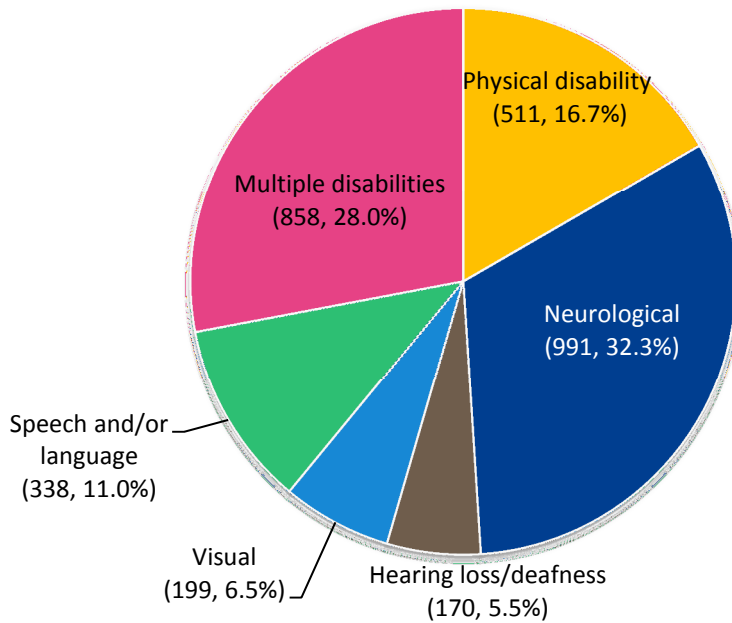
**Figure 2 Primary carer CHO Area 8, NPSDD 2017**



### Primary carer

Of those registered in CHO Area 8, 2,011 (65.6%) were reported having a primary carer. Of these, 1,944 (96.7%) lived with their primary carer. 1,608 (80.0%) of primary carers were parents and 293 (14.6%) were spouse/partner. The majority of primary carers (1,500, 74.6%) were aged between 19 and 49 years of age and 325 (16.2%) primary carers were aged between 50 and 59 years of age, 183 (9.1%) were aged 60 years or over and less than 5 primary carers were less than 18 years. The age group for two primary carers was not provided.

Figure 3 Type of disability CHO Area 8, NPSDD 2017



### Primary diagnostic category

The most frequently reported primary diagnostic categories for **children** were specific speech and language disorder (262, 22.6%), dyspraxia (206, 17.8%) and developmental delay (137, 11.8%). The most frequently reported primary diagnostic categories for **adults** were multiple sclerosis (403, 21.1%), cerebral palsy (142, 7.4%) and head injury (104, 5.5%).

### Secondary diagnostic category

45.3% of **children** (525) had a secondary diagnostic reported. The most frequently reported secondary diagnostic categories for **children** were autistic spectrum disorder (105, 9.1%), developmental coordination disorder (82, 7.1%) and dyslexia (34, 2.9%). 35.9% of **adults** (685) reported a secondary diagnosis. The most frequently reported secondary diagnostic categories for **adults** were diabetes (58, 3.0%), epilepsy (46, 2.4%) and autistic spectrum disorder (25, 1.3%).

### Measure of Activity and Participation (MAP)

The MAP section of the dataform is completed only by those aged 16 years and over. The percentages presented below are based on those who completed the MAP section of the dataform (1,817 people, 59.2%).

- **Barriers and challenges:** The three areas reported as the greatest barriers to participation were: climate/weather (993, 54.7%), physical environment (916, 50.4%), and income (722, 39.7%).
- **Participation restriction:** socialising (951, 52.3%), shopping (835, 46.0%) and family life (720, 39.6%) were the three greatest areas of restriction experienced by those in this CHO area.
- **WHODAS 2.0:** The overall interference with life was reported as the greatest area of difficulty for those in this CHO area (1,490, 82.0%), walking long distances (1,242, 68.4%) and standing for long periods (1,230, 67.7%).

### Service Information 2017

Table 4 summarises service provision and requirements within CHO Area 8 in 2017.

**Table 4 Number and percentage of people registered by service use and requirement, CHO Area 8 2017**

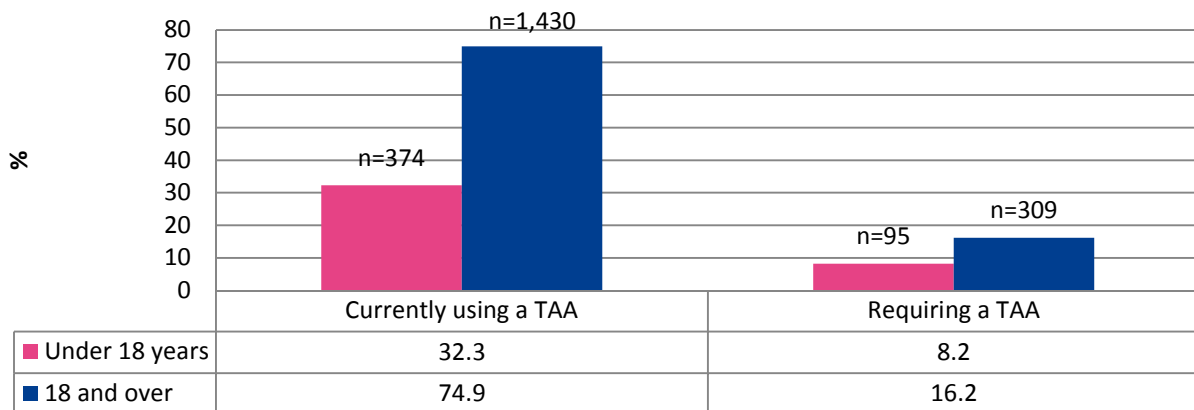
	Under 18's			18-65 years		
	Currently availing of services	Unmet need for services	Require changes/alternate service	Currently availing of services	Unmet need for services	Require changes/alternate service
Therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation services	957 (82.6%)	515 (44.5%)	94 (8.1%)	1,597 (83.7%)	656 (34.4%)	122 (6.4%)
Personal assistance and support services	146 (12.6%)	37 (3.2%)	10 (0.9%)	780 (40.9%)	244 (12.8%)	36 (1.9%)
Day services	1,095 (94.5%)	28 (2.5%)	307 (26.5%)	874 (45.8%)	114 (6.0%)	194 (10.2%)
Respite services*	73 (6.3%)	43 (3.8%)	8 (0.7%)	216 (11.3%)	110 (5.8%)	21 (1.1%)
Residential services	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	75 (3.9%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)

\*Less than 5 children and 18 (0.9%) adults accessed emergency respite services.

To protect against the indirect identification of individuals, values in cells containing less than 5 cases have been suppressed and denoted with the symbol ~

### Assistive products/technical aids and appliances (TAAs)

**Figure 4 Assistive products/technical aids and appliances CHO Area 8, NPSDD 2017**



- The most commonly used TAA items for children were: special furniture and other aids to personal care (242 items), orthotics and prosthetics (197 items) and aids to mobility (146 items).
- The most commonly used items for adults were: special furniture and other aids to personal care (1,701 items), aids to mobility (1,580 items) and vision aids (538 items).
- The most common requests for children were for: aids to hearing (40 items), special furniture and other aids to personal care (31 items), and other aids (19 items).
- The most common requests for adults were for: special furniture and other aids to personal care (138 items), aids to hearing (133 items) and aids to mobility (72 items).

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