An easy to read guide to the National Ability Supports System (NASS)
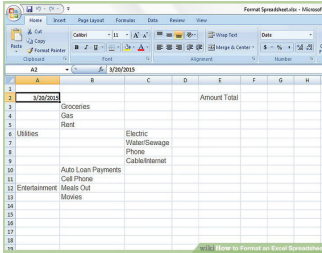
If you would like more information on NASS, we also have a plain English version of this guide available.

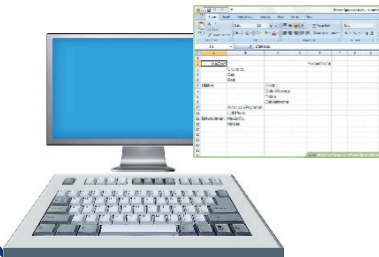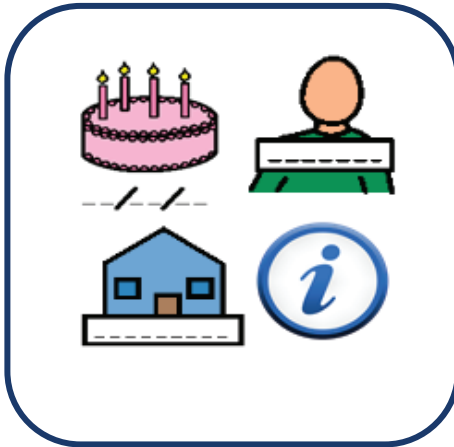Please ask your service provider for a copy.

What is NASS?

NASS is a computer system called a database.

This database is on a computer.

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What information is on the database?

Personal information like:

- Your name
- Address
- Date of birth

Information on the services you use now and need in the future.
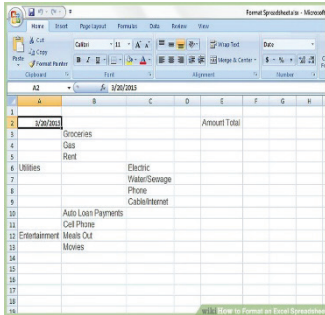
Who can see this information?

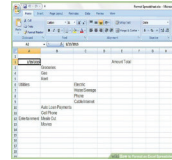|	
Staff	Staff at your service and the Health Service Executive (HSE) can see this information.
PRIVATE	Your information is private.

How is your information used?

NASS keeps information in numbers like:

- How many people in your service are over 50 years old.

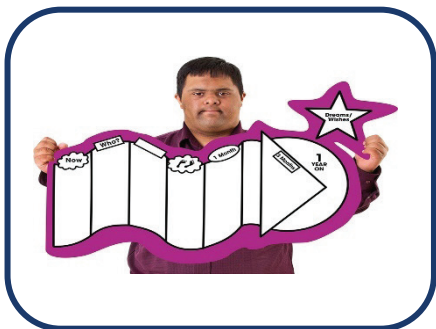This is called statistics.

Who sees the statistics on NASS?

People who only see statistics are:

- Department of Health
- Health Research Board
- Researchers, with special permission

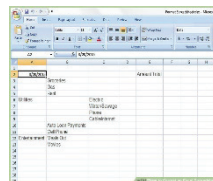# Why is your information needed?

To help plan services.

To get money for services.

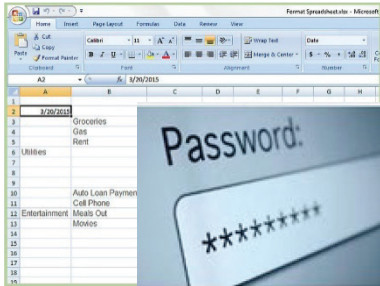# How does NASS work?

You fill out a form.

Your information is put on a computer.

Reports are made.

How is your information protected?
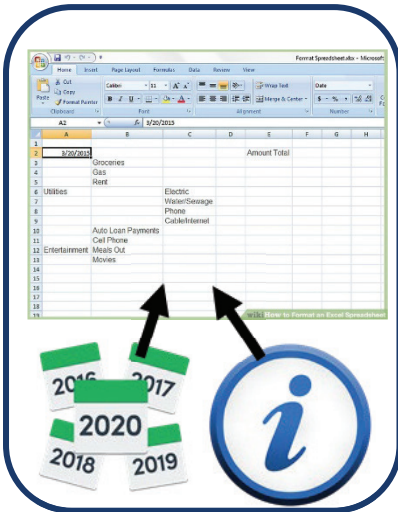
NASS is password protected.

There are rules about who can look at your information.

There are laws which say what can and cannot happen to your information.

This is called GDPR.

How long will my information be kept?

Your information
will be kept as
long as you use or
need services and
for 8 years
afterwards.

Your information is
reviewed often.

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