

National Ability Supports  
System (NASS)

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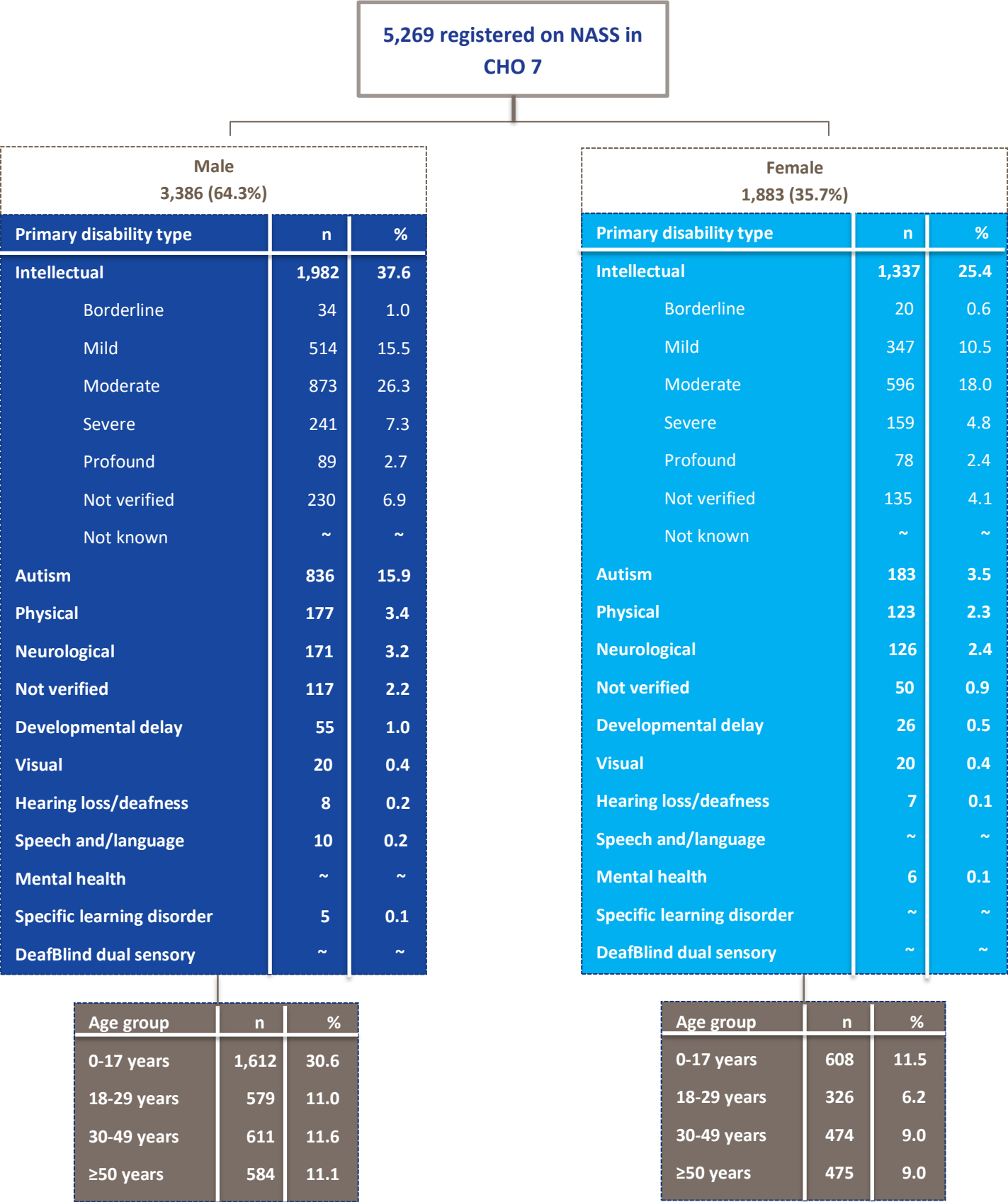
## 1.1 Demographic profile

In 2020, there were 5,269 people registered on the National Ability Supports System (NASS) as receiving their main service in Community Health Organisation (CHO) 7. There were more males (3,386, 64%) than females (1,883, 36%) registered in CHO 7. Most service users were aged 0-17 years (2,220, 42%), followed by 30-49 years (1,085, 21%), over 50 years (1,059, 20%) and 18-29 years (905, 17%) (Figure 1).

The majority of those registered in CHO 7 had an intellectual disability (ID) (3,319, 63%), followed by autism (1,019, 19%) and a physical disability (300, 6%). Figure 1 shows the breakdown of primary disability type by sex.

A total of 2,155 service users recorded at least one additional disability of which physical (765) and speech and/or language (740) disabilities were the most common.

**Figure 1 Profile of the population registered on NASS in CHO 7, NASS 2020**



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## Occupational status

Twenty-eight percent (1,513) of service users were students/pupils, 19% (978) attended a training/day programme and 12% (641) were unable to work due to their disability. The occupational status was not known for 25% of service users.

## Ethnicity or cultural background

Forty-eight percent (2,509) of service users identified as Irish. The ethnicity or cultural background was not known for 48% of service users.

## Living arrangements

Fifty-one percent (2,668) of service users in CHO 7 lived with family, 21% (1,122) lived in a residential setting and did not provide further details of who they were living with, and 3% (134) lived alone. Living arrangement information was not known for 25% of service users.

## Living accommodation

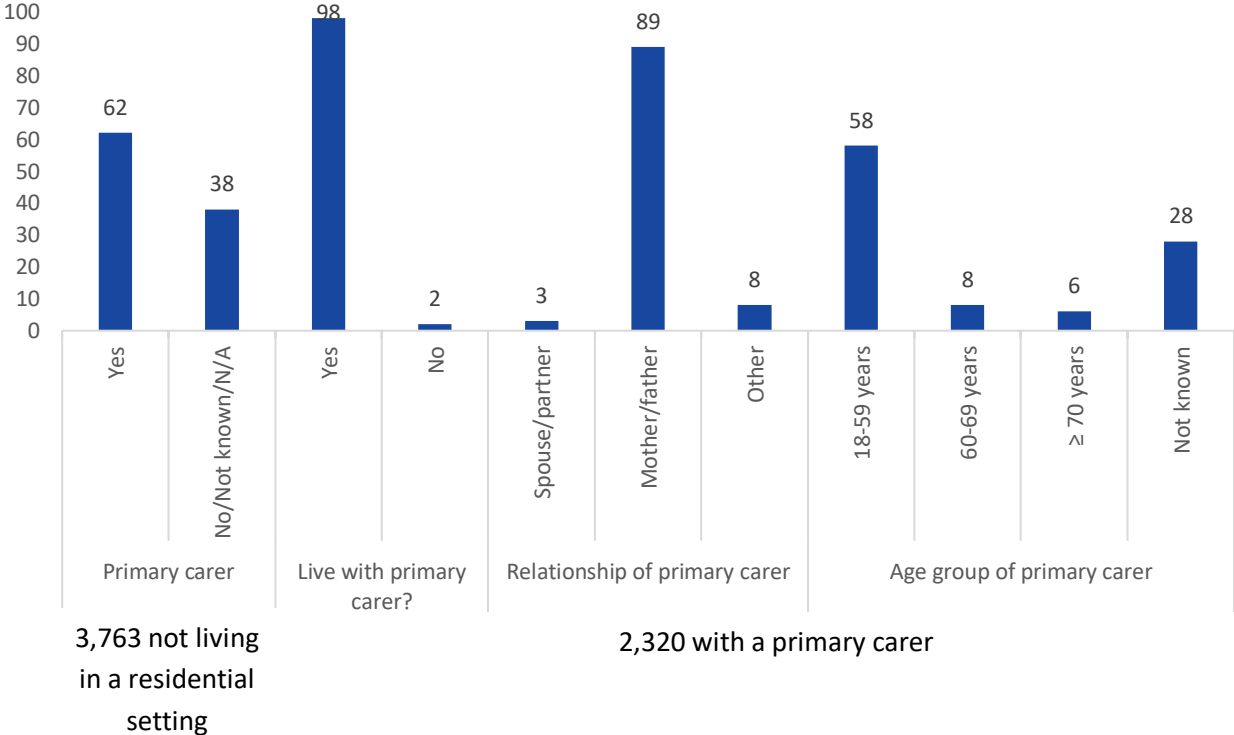
Twenty-one percent (1,123) of service users lived in a residential setting, 19% (973) lived in private accommodation which was owner occupied, 4% (234) lived in accommodation which was rented from a county council/public authority/service provider and 3% (132) lived in accommodation which was rented on the open market. Living accommodation information was not known for 53% of service users.

## 1.2 Primary Carer

Sixty-two percent of service users in CHO 7 who do not reside in a residential setting have a primary carer. Of these, 98% live with their primary carer and 89% of primary carers are a parent (Figure 2). Primary carers were mostly aged between 18-59 years (58%, 1,332), 8% (186) were aged between 60-69 years and 6% (143) were aged 70 years and over. Age was not known for 28% (658) of primary carers.

In terms of service user age, 50% (946) of those aged 18 years or less had a primary carer, 78% (1,240) of those aged 19-54 years had a primary carer, and 50% (134) of service users aged 55 and over had a primary carer.

**Figure 2 Primary carer information for service users in CHO 7, NASS 2020**



**1.3 World Health Organisation Disability Assessment Schedule V.2 (WHODAS 2.0)**

The WHODAS 2.0 was not completed for those aged under 16 years or those whose primary disability type is intellectual. The percentages presented below are based on those who completed the WHODAS 2.0 (256 out of 628 eligible service users):

The areas of greatest difficulty were the emotional effects of disability (216, 84%), household responsibilities (203, 79%) and learning a new task (192, 75%). For the majority (223, 87%), difficulties due to their disability resulted in an overall interference with their life.

**1.4 Services**

Table 1 summarises service provision and need for service within CHO 7. In 2020:

- 21% (1,115) of service users accessed a total of 1,116 residential services. Of these, 504 service users resided in a residential house in the community (1-4 residents), 282 service users resided in a residential centre/on campus (10 + residents) and 271 resided in a community group home (1-4 residents). 199 enhancements were required to existing residential services and 224 new residential places are required now or within the next five years.
- 55% (2,884) of service users accessed a total of 3,131 day service places. Of these, 1,684 places were in a day programme, 458 were in a special school and 428 were in supported employment.

685 enhancements were required to existing day programmes and 433 new places are required now or within the next five years.

- 2% (109) of service users accessed 110 overnight respite places. This amounted to 1,891 respite nights being accessed. There is an unmet need for 186 overnight respite places.
- 22% (1,176) of service users accessed a total of 1,362 supports for daily living. Of these, 581 were home support (including supported self-directed living support) and 462 were community support services. 168 enhancements were required to existing supports for daily living and 218 new supports for daily living are required now or within the next five years.
- 69% (3,610) of service users accessed a total of 8,911 specialist supports. Figure 3 shows the ten most accessed specialist supports. 3,256 enhancements were required to existing specialist support services and 906 new specialist supports are required now or within the next five years.

**Table 1 Summary of service provision in CHO 7, NASS 2020**

	Places currently accessed	Enhancement required to current services	Unmet need for places	People accessing a service	
	n	n	n	n	%
<b>Total population</b>				5,269	100
Residential setting	1,116	199	224	1,115	21.2
Day service	3,131	685	433	2,884	54.7
Day respite	~	~	10	~	~
Overnight respite	110	15	186	109	2.1
Supports for daily living	1,362	168	218	1,176	22.3
Specialist supports	8,911	3,256	906	3,610	68.5

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**Figure 3 Ten most accessed specialist supports, enhancements required and unmet need for places in CHO 7, NASS 2020**

