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Table 2.1 Number of service users registered on NASS by Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO), 2023

	NASS 2023 registrations	% NASS 2023 distribution
	n	%
CHO 1 - Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Cavan, Monaghan	3,970	11.2
CHO 2 - Galway, Roscommon, Mayo	3,551	10.0
CHO 3 -Clare, Limerick, North Tipperary	2,810	7.9
CHO 4 - Kerry, Cork	5,837	16.4
CHO 5 - South Tipperary, Carlow, Kilkenny, Waterford, Wexford	3,642	10.3
CHO 6 -Wicklow, Dun Laoghaire, Dublin South East	1,906	5.4
CHO 7 - Kildare, West Wicklow, Dublin West, Dublin South City, Dublin South West	4,164	11.7
CHO 8 -Laois, Offaly, Longford, Westmeath, Louth, Meath	4,528	12.7
CHO 9 - Dublin North, Dublin North Central, Dublin North West	5,120	14.4
Total	35,528	100.0

Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board

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Table 2.2 Number of service users registered on NASS by age and sex, 2023

	Male		Female		Unknown		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
0-4 years	168	0.5	121	0.3	0	0	289	0.8
5-9 years	665	1.9	370	1.0	5	0	1,040	2.9
10-14 years	1,002	2.8	480	1.4	5	0	1,487	4.2
15-19 years	1,445	4.1	754	2.1	~	~	2,202	6.2
20-24 years	2,765	7.8	1,489	4.2	0	0.0	4,254	12.0
25-29 years	1,903	5.4	1,142	3.2	0	0.0	3,045	8.6
30-34 years	1,318	3.7	1,060	3	0	0.0	2,378	6.7
35-39 years	1,289	3.6	1,036	2.9	0	0.0	2,325	6.5
40-44 years	1,366	3.8	1,220	3.4	0	0.0	2,586	7.3
45-49 years	1,394	3.9	1,301	3.7	0	0.0	2,695	7.6
50-54 years	1,534	4.3	1,469	4.1	0	0.0	3,003	8.5
55-59 years	1,535	4.3	1,521	4.3	0	0.0	3,056	8.6
60-64 years	1,358	3.8	1,495	4.2	0	0.0	2,853	8
65-69 years	894	2.5	1,030	2.9	0	0.0	1,924	5.4
≥ 70 years	1,039	2.9	1,352	3.8	0	0.0	2,391	6.7
Total population	19,675	55.4	15,840	44.6	~	~	35,528	100.0

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Table 2.3 Primary disability type among people registered on NASS by sex , 2023

	Male		Female		Data on sex not provided		Total	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Intellectual	11,476	56.7	8,773	43.3	0	0.0	20,249	57.4
Neurological	2,527	45.3	3,051	54.7	0	0.0	5,578	15.8
Autism	2,267	76.7	682	23.1	6	0.2	2,955	8.4
Physical	1,261	47.9	1,372	52.1	0	0.0	2,633	7.5
Visual	1,107	50.7	1,078	49.3	0	0.0	2,185	6.2
Hearing loss/deafness	447	45.9	527	54.1	0	0.0	974	2.8
Mental health	192	60.2	127	39.8	0	0.0	319	0.9
Developmental delay (under 10 years only)	42	60.0	28	40.0	0	0.0	181	0.5
Specific learning difficulty (other than intellectual)	32	50.8	31	49.2	0	0.0	70	0.2
DeafBlind (dual sensory)	27	48.2	29	51.8	0	0.0	63	0.2
Speech and/or language	17	73.9	6	26.1	0	0.0	56	0.2
Not verified*	123	68.0	58	32	0	0.0	23	0.1
Primary disability type not recorded	157	64.9	78	32.2	7	2.9	242	0.7
Total	19,675	55.4	15,840	44.6	13	0.0	35,528	100.0

*Not verified - where the type of disability has not been verified for an individual.

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Table 2.4 Additional disabilities among people registered on NASS by primary disability, 2023

Additional disability	Primary disability categories									
	Intellectual disability		Physical or sensory*		Autism		Other**		Total population	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Total population	20,429	100.0	11,449	100.0	2,955	100.0	633	1.8	35,286	100.0
Physical	3,551	17.4	1,673	14.6	49	1.7	33	5.2	5,306	15.0
Speech and/or language	3,056	15.0	347	3.0	111	3.8	18	2.8	3,532	10.0
Autism	2,106	10.3	75	0.7	0	0.0	24	3.8	2,205	6.2
Visual	1,343	6.6	326	2.8	28	0.9	17	2.7	1,714	4.9
Mental Health	1,008	4.9	240	2.1	176	6.0	5	0.8	1,429	4.0
Intellectual	0	0.0	377	3.3	771	26.1	68	10.7	1,216	3.4
Hearing loss/deafness	981	4.8	138	1.2	10	0.3	7	1.1	1,136	3.2
Neurological	748	3.7	272	2.4	69	2.3	13	2.1	1,102	3.1
Specific learning disability (other than intellectual)	122	0.6	52	0.5	60	2.0	5	0.8	239	0.7
Developmental delay (Children aged under 10 years only)	13	0.1	22	0.2	19	0.6	~	~	55	0.2
DeafBlind (dual sensory)	38	0.2	11	0.1	0	0.0	0	0.0	49	0.1
Not verified	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
No additional disability	11,462	56.1	8,365	73.1	1,815	61.4	463	73.1	21,925	62.1

* Physical and/or sensory includes: DeafBlind (dual sensory), hearing loss and/or deafness, neurological, physical, speech and/or language, and visual.

** Other includes: Developmental delay (children aged under 10 years only), specific learning disorder (other than intellectual), mental health, and not verified.

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Note more than one additional disability may be recorded for a person and as a result, total percentages add up to more than 100.

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Table 2.5 Occupational status of of adults on NASS, 2023

	n	%
Total population	31,698	100.0
Training/day programme	12,088	41.1
Unable to work due to disability	8,206	27.9
In paid employment	3,148	10.7
Unemployed	2,596	8.8
Retired	1,808	6.2
Student/pupil	1,000	3.4
Housewife/husband	311	1.1
Other	219	0.7
Not known	2,322	7.3

% calculated excluding 'Not known'

Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board

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Table 2.6 Living arrangements of adults on NASS, 2023

	n	%
Total population	31,698	100.0
Living with family	17,941	60.2
Both parents	6,358	21.3
One parent	3,610	12.1
Parent(s) and sibling(s)	2,336	7.8
Wife/husband/partner, no children	1,970	6.6
Wife/husband/partner and children	1,754	5.9
Sibling(s)	1,220	4.1
Daughter(s)/ son(s)	494	1.7
Other relative(s)	199	0.7
Residential setting*	8,027	27.0
Residential setting	8,027	27.0
Living alone	3,361	11.3
Alone	3,361	11.3
Living with non-relatives	452	1.5
Foster family	127	0.4
Non-relatives	325	1.1
Not known	1,917	6.0
Not known	1,917	6.0

% calculated excluding 'Not known'

Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board

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Table 2.7 Primary carer information for adults on NASS not living in a residential setting, 2023

	Total	
	n	%
Yes	14,274	60.3
No	6,284	26.6
Not applicable	223	0.9
Not known	2,879	12.2
Total	23,660	100.00

Source: National Ability Supports System (NASS), Health Research Board
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Table 2.8 Adults living with their primary carer, NASS 2023

	Total	
	n	%
Yes	1,192	8.4
No	13,061	91.5
Not known	21	0.1
Total	14,274	100.00

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Table 2.9 Relationship of the primary carer to adults on NASS, 2023

	Total	
	n	%
Parent	10,425	73
Wife/husband/partner	1,539	10.8
Sibling	1,476	10.3
Non-relative	261	1.8
Daughter/son	234	1.6
Other relative	218	1.5
Foster parent	96	0.7
Not known	25	0.2
Total	14,274	100.00

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Table 2.10 Age group of primary carer to adults on NASS, 2023

	Total	
	n	%
17 years or under	~	~
Between 18 and 49 years of age	2,683	23.1
Between 50 and 59 years of age	4,211	36.2
Between 60 and 69 years of age	2,774	23.8
Between 70 and 79 years of age	1,494	12.8
80 years of age or over	471	4.0
Not known	2,638	18.5
Total	14,274	100.00

% calculated excluding 'Not known'

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Table 3.1 Current residential services recorded on NASS, 2023

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children	Adults	Total	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
House in community (1-4 residents)	71	3,294	3,365	~	556	560
Community group home (5-9 residents)	21	2,845	2,866	~	572	573
Residential centre/on campus (10+ residents)	0	1,319	1,319	0	408	408
Specialist facility - challenging behaviour	~	117	~	0	37	37
Nursing home	0	117	117	0	~	~
Psychiatric hospital	0	65	65	0	~	~
Home sharing - shared living family	0	39	39	0	~	~
Specialist facility - neurological	0	37	37	0	9	9
Specialist facility - dementia	0	28	28	0	7	7
Specialist facility - mental health comorbidity	0	16	16	0	~	~
Other hospital	0	8	8	0	0	0
Specialist facility - physical	0	6	6	0	~	~
Hospice	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of people accessing a residential service	93	7,799	7,892	5	1,585	1,590

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Table 3.2 Current day services recorded on NASS for adults only,2023

	Current services	Enhancement required
	Adults	Adults
	n	n
Day Programme	17,752	3,468
Rehabilitative training	1,917	303
Number of adults accessing a day service	19,453	3,751

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Table 3.3 Current day respite services recorded on NASS, 2023

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children	Adults	Total	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
Centre based respite (includes clubs and camps)	471	426	897	40	145	185
Home-sharing short breaks family	92	181	273	0	9	9
Own home day respite (including evenings)	25	14	39	~	~	~
Home Sharing contract family	7	15	22	0	0	0
Number of people accessing day respite	579	624	1,203	41	156	197

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Table 3.4 Current overnight respite services recorded on NASS, 2023

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children	Adults	Total	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
House in community/centre based respite	780	2,688	3,468	101	834	935
Holiday respite (residential/centre based/summer camp)	~	211	212	0	26	26
Holiday respite (Hotel/ B&B/Hostel)	0	167	167	0	90	90
Home sharing short breaks family	23	163	186	~	45	46
Home sharing contract family	12	30	42	0	7	7
Nursing home respite	0	20	20	0	17	17
Own home respite	~	11	12	0	~	~
Number of people accessing overnight respite	812	3,142	3,954	102	990	1,092

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Table 3.5 Current supports for daily living services recorded on NASS, 2023

	Current services			Enhancement required		
	Children	Adults	Total	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n	n	n	n
Home support	966	3,857	4,823	79	502	581
Community support	93	1,782	1,875	6	276	282
Personal assistant	33	1,781	1,814	0	273	273
Transport services	26	1,003	1,029	0	183	183
Advocacy services	0	453	453	0	44	44
Peer support	~	292	294	0	42	42
Guide dog/assistance dog	~	175	179	0	0	0
Voluntary work	0	104	104	0	33	33
Supported Self-Directed Living support - sleepover cover	0	42	42	0	~	~
Supported Self-Directed Living support - awake cover	0	34	34	0	5	5
Number of people accessing a support for daily living	1,107	8,812	9,289	85	1,244	1,329

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Table 3.6 Current specialist supports recorded on NASS for adults only, 2023

	Current services	Enhancement required
	Adults n	Adults n
Key worker	5,188	649
Social work	4,657	1,790
Nursing	4,337	1,578
Occupational therapy	4,281	1,340
Physiotherapy	4,187	1,420
Speech and language therapy	3,882	1,565
Psychiatry	3,620	956
Clinical psychology	2,194	677
Dietetics	1,827	580
Vision Rehabilitation services	1,616	145
Behaviour therapy	1,285	254
Assistive technology/client technical service	1,257	166
Chiropody	1,085	206
Case manager	964	84
Dentistry/Orthodontics	891	185
Orthotics/Prosthetics services	672	245
Complementary Therapy	366	64
Counselling psychology	265	28
Neurorehabilitation services	234	17
Creative therapy services	227	26
Neuro psychology	164	16
Vision communication- IT/AT & alternative formats	164	42
Palliative Care	75	27
Aural Rehabilitation services	34	~
Aural Communication- IT/AT and alternative format services	25	11
Educational psychology	20	8
Animal Assisted Therapy	5	0
Play Therapy	~	0
Number of adults accessing a specialist support	16,705	5,170

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Table 4.1 Residential services identified as required on NASS, 2023

	Services required 2023-2028		
	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
House in community (1-4 residents)	19	1,771	1,790
Residential centre/on campus (10+ residents)	0	39	39
Home sharing - shared living family	0	30	30
Specialist facility - challenging behaviour	~	24	~
Community group home (5-9 residents)	0	20	20
Specialist facility - neurological	0	15	15
Nursing home	0	10	10
Specialist facility - mental health comorbidity	0	9	9
Specialist facility - physical	0	9	9
Specialist facility - dementia	0	8	8
Hospice	0 ~	~	~
Psychiatric hospital	0	0	0
Other hospital	0	0	0
Number of people requiring a residential service	20	1,932	1,952

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Table 4.2 Day services required in 2024, National Day Service Database (NDSD)*

	Services required 2024
	Total n
Day Programme	2,118
Rehabilitative training	1,001
Number of people requiring a day service	3,119

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* Information on day services required in 2024 was provided for this bulletin by the HSE National Day Service Database (NDSD)

Source: HSE National Day Service Database

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Table 4.3 Day respite services identified as required on NASS, 2023

	Services required 2023-2028		
	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
Centre based - day respite	39	98	137
Own home day respite	11	45	56
Home-sharing/short breaks family day respite	~	13	~
Contract family day respite	~	~	5
Number of people requiring day respite	46	149	195

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Table 4.4 Overnight respite services identified as required on NASS, 2023

	Services required 2023-2028		
	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
House in community/centre based respite	81	741	822
Holiday respite (residential/centre based/summer camp)	8	202	210
Holiday respite (Hotel/ B&B/Hostel)	0	158	158
Own home respite	~	32	~
Home sharing short breaks family	~	19	~
Home sharing contract family	~	20	~
Nursing home respite	0	7	7
Number of people requiring day respite	93	1,119	1,212

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Table 4.5 Supports for daily living services identified as required on NASS, 2023

	Services required 2023-2028		
	Children	Adults	Total
	n	n	n
Home support	32	443	475
Community support	5	289	294
Personal assistant	7	192	199
Transport services	7	183	190
Advocacy services	0	110	110
Voluntary work	0	70	70
Peer support	5	60	65
Supported Self-Directed Living support - sleepover cover	0	15	15
Guide dog/assistance dog	0	11	11
Supported Self-Directed Living support - awake cover	0	5	5
Number of people requiring a support for daily living	55	1,181	1,236

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Table 4.6 Specialist supports identified as required on NASS, 2023

	Services required 2023-2028
	Adults n
Physiotherapy	683
Occupational therapy	625
Speech and language therapy	567
Clinical psychology	474
Social work	299
Chiropody	197
Dietetics	190
Counselling psychology	184
Behaviour therapy	181
Psychiatry	172
Assistive technology/client technical service	171
Dentistry/Orthodontics	116
Neuro psychology	105
Complementary Therapy	104
Vision communication- IT/AT & alternative formats	54
Nursing	50
Creative therapy services	40
Orthotics/Prosthetics services	40
Case manager	36
Educational psychology	30
Key worker	25
Neurorehabilitation services	21
Animal Assisted Therapy	15
Vision Rehabilitation services	9
Aural Communication- IT/AT and alternative format services	9
Palliative Care	~
Aural Rehabilitation services	~
Play Therapy	0
Number of adults requiring a specialist support	3,110

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