

# The Time to Move on Project

## “What will this mean for me?”

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For many years people with disabilities have been cared for in large residential settings away from local communities.

A **congregated setting** is where a lot of people live together in one place. People may not have a lot of privacy or personal space.



The staff provide all the care and the food. The staff arrange everything for the people living there.



We now know that people can have a better life if they live in ordinary homes in the community. People who live in ordinary homes can:

- Take part in things like everyone else
- Plan their own lives
- Choose things for themselves
- Get the support they need to do more in their community



The project to help everyone move to a home in the community is called the **Time to Move on** project.

# Choices?



## What happens before I move?

You will be helped to look at where you want to live, who you want to live with and what you would like to do.



Your service provider will talk to you to help you decide what you would like. They will also talk to your family if this is in line with your wishes.



You will be helped to make choices and to have a plan. Your plan will be looked at from time to time, to make sure that it is right for you.



## What choice will I have about who I live with?

Service providers will talk to you about choices. They will also talk to your family if this is what you want.

There are different ways that people can live in their local community. You might want to choose to:

- Live on your own
- Live with people who do not have a disability
- Live with friends who do have a disability
- Live with a family



## Who will support me in my new home?



People moving to their own home will receive the support they require to ensure they are safe and living the life of their choice.

- Sometimes the staff who work with you now will be able to move and support you in your new home.
- Sometimes you will have new support staff.
- Sometimes there will be a mix of new and old staff.



## What choices will I have about where I live?



The service provider will help you find a new home. There may be choices available, so you will be given information about each choice and what it means for you. You will be helped to make a choice.

## Where will my new house come from?



There are different ways people can get new homes. These include:

- Renting a house from a private landlord.
- Getting a home to rent from the local authority or a voluntary housing body, on your own or with other people.
- Living in a home owned by the HSE or a service provider. This might be an existing community home or a new house.





## What will I need to pay and can I afford it?

Your service provider can help you to manage your money. If you are entitled to more money or benefits from the government, your service provider can help you claim these.

In your new home you will pay either a rent or a charge.



### Paying Rent

Your rent will be based on what you can afford. If your rent is going to cost more than you can pay, you may be able to get help with the cost.



If you are renting, you will need to budget for other items. For example you will need to pay for your food, heating, TV and telephone.

If you are renting you will be helped to sign a **tenancy agreement**. This is a written agreement that tells you the rules of renting.



### Paying a Charge

You may pay a maintenance charge if you live with a service provider or the HSE. The charge will be based on what you can afford. The provider will tell you how much you need to pay, what is covered by the charge and what you may need to buy for yourself.



## The people who have moved - their stories

Many people have already moved to new homes and their lives have changed a lot. You can see videos about people who have moved on

[www.hse.ie/timetomoveon](http://www.hse.ie/timetomoveon) and [www.genio.ie/videos](http://www.genio.ie/videos)

