



Enable Ireland Mayo Services

Fact Sheet For Parents And Adults

Enable Ireland Mayo first commenced its operation by providing community based services to children and adults with physical disabilities and their families in 1992. Since then Enable Ireland Mayo has developed a range of services including child and family supports, Assistive Technology and therapy services to address the needs of Children with Physical and sensory disabilities and their families. In 2008 Enable Ireland Mayo opened the children's centre in Castlebar known as 'The Safari Club'.

The Safari Club offers a range of services to children less than 6 years, residing in South Mayo, and presenting with complex needs. These services are provided in partnership with Enable Ireland, The Western Care Association and the HSE PCCC. The same partnership provides a range of services to children residing in North Mayo from a centre in Ballina.

For children over 6 years, with a physical and sensory disability, the Enable Ireland services are provided from a range of community settings and in the schools. Each child has an individual service plan to meet their needs at that time in their lives. These plans are reviewed on a regular basis

Personal Assistant and Family support service

Enable Ireland Mayo provides a Personal Assistant (PA) / Family Support Worker (FSW) service to Children tailored to meet the needs of the individual.

Services are provided for children in the home, community and pre-school. The PA/FSW provides support to children with home therapy programmes, social and recreational activities. A PA/FSW may also provide in home respite for families and support children attending Enable Ireland therapy and camps.

The PA/FSW service recognises the individuality of persons with a disability, their capacity to benefit from education, training and care, their entitlement

to participate in the local community in accordance with their individual capacity and dignity as human beings. We do this by offering a range of services and supports of the highest quality in line with the needs and wishes of service users and active partnership with them.

Early Intervention Services (EIS) for children 0- 5 years 11 months.

The Early Intervention services are provided to children from birth to 5 years and 11 months of age who have complex needs. Enable Ireland is part of a collaborative model of working with the HSE PCCC, and the Western Care Association to provide the Early Intervention Service

School Age Services for children and young adults 6 to 18 years (or until they are 19, if still attending school).

The services are accessed by children with a primary physical disability who when assessed require a team based intervention from more than one discipline and the child's assessed needs can be met by Enable Ireland Galway Children's Services.

The services are delivered through an interdisciplinary team based approach, working in partnership with the HSE PCCC, parents and families to develop a plan of intervention which will best meet the assessed needs of the children and adolescents within the resources available. Enable Ireland is entering into a partnership with HSE PCCC and the Western Care association to provide services to school age children with complex needs commencing in December 2015.

Assistive Technology

The Assistive Technology team consists of a full time clinical engineering technician and occupational therapist. They provide a regional service covering counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. They focus in particular on: your child's use of technology and how it could be used to overcome some of the barriers they may encounter.

This could include;

- adapting computers to facilitate your child's access,
- adapting toys to increase your child's ability to control

- introducing software to support your child's production of work at school
- looking at communication devices to assist with speech production,
- adapting wheelchair controllers to enable your child to control with greater ease
- supporting your child in investigating environmental controls to access entertainment systems, doors, lights or windows about the home

Hydrotherapy

Hydrotherapy is provided as part of the individual service plan to children who may benefit from movement and therapy in water with temperature greater than a regular swimming pool. The physiotherapist works with children on a 1:1 or group basis depending on the assessed needs. The Enable Ireland physiotherapist avails of the facilities from the HSE and The Western Care Association to provide this service

Social work support for vulnerable Adults

A Draft National Policy & Procedures for safeguarding Adults with Disabilities was drawn up in 2014 by a national group within the HSE. This was followed by the HSE Social Care Division drawing up a National Policy & Procedures for Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons at Risk of Abuse which would apply to people with disabilities and the elderly. The social worker provides support to adults referred to the service who are potentially at risk. The aim is to minimise the likelihood of risk or its potential impact while respecting an ambition that the individual is entitled to live a normalised life to the fullest extent possible.

Transport

Transport can be provided to children or adults availing of the services outlined above.

Who is eligible for services?

Children and Adults with disabilities who reside in Co Mayo

Children 0 to 5 years 11 months - Those children who present with delays in two or more of the areas of motor, cognitive, communication and sensory function and who have needs requiring ongoing team-based interventions, children outside of this criteria will be supported at HSE Primary Care level.

Children 6 to 18 years - The child must have a primary physical disability as a result of a neurological deficit or condition such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy and require a team based service intervention with a minimum of two disciplines. On assessment the child will be identified as having specific outcome needs which can be met by the services of Enable Ireland Mayo.

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Assistive Technology - A Child or Adult who presents with an identified need for support with accessing high tech assistive technology to support their function in daily activities. They must also have a primary physical and/or sensory disability between the ages of 6 - 65 years **or** with any type of disability between the ages of 0 - 6 years.

How do I get a referral?

Children 0 - 6 years - Referrals to the Early Intervention service (EIS) can be made by any of the following if accompanied by reports indicating that a child has complex needs HSE Primary Care Team, GP, PHN. -Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Assessment of Need (AON) Officer, Health Professionals in acute hospitals, Early Intervention Teams.

School age Services for children and young adults 6 to 18 years - A referral to the children's services 6 to 18 years can be made by a therapist, teacher, parent, psychologist or any other health care professional. You may contact the Safari Club, Tel: 094 9060234, for a referral form.

Assistive Technology (AT) - The Assistive Technology Service currently operates an open referral system. For adults, this allows for individuals who meet the service entry criteria to self-refer or for others to refer on their behalf (with their consent). For children, the open referral system allows parents, teachers, therapists, medical professionals and others to complete and submit a referral with parental/guardian consent on behalf of a child.

For more information, or to request a referral form, please contact a member of the Assistive Technology team at (091) 545 800.

Personal Assistant / Family support worker service - Referrals can be made by HSE PCCC case manager, Early intervention services, school age services, self-referral, Social work or Psychology by completing the referral form. For more information, or to request a referral form, please contact the PA coordinator at (094 9060234).

Vulnerable Adults - Referrals are made to the social worker through the office of the HSE disability Manager

Assessment of Need under the [Disability Act 2005](#) - Any parent who feels that their child (born after 1st June 2002) may have a disability can apply for an assessment. An application can also be made by a legal guardian. There is a provision under the Disability Act, 2005, for a personal advocate to be assigned by the Citizens Information Board (for more information call 0761 07 9000 or visit www.citizensinformationboard.ie).

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