Presentation to APG on Disability

Development of a new Disability
Strategy

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BACKGROUND

New Decade New Approach referenced a suite of new strategies:

- Anti Poverty Strategy
- **Disability Strategy**
- **Gender Equality Strategy**
- **Sexual Orientation Strategy**

CO-DESIGN APPROACH

- Disability Strategy Expert Advisory Panel
 - Dr Bronagh Byrne, QUB
 - Prof Eilionóir Flynn, NUI Galway
 - Tony O'Reilly
 - Sean Fitzsimons
- Disability Strategy Co-design Group
- Cross-departmental Working Group
- Ministerial Steering Group

PROGRESS TO DATE

- Expert Advisory Panel report published 5 March 2021
- Monthly meetings of Co-design and Cross-departmental Working Groups
- Ministerial Steering Group met on 14 April

Five themes:

- General Measures
- Autonomy and independent living
- Equality and non-discrimination
- Accessibility
- Intersectionality





General Measures

- UNCRPD
- Disabled people's involvement in design, implementation and monitoring of the Disability Strategy
- Regional Disability Forum
- Data collection and availability
- Awareness raising
- Resourcing





Autonomy and Independent Living

- Choice and legal capacity
- Virtual 'one-stop shop'
- Ensuring disabled people have enough income
- Deinstitutionalisation
- Adult safeguarding legislation





Equality and Non-Discrimination

- Reform of Disability Legislation
- Strengthening section 75 equality duties
- Non diminution of rights following EU Exit





Accessibility

- **General Accessibility**
- Transport
- **Employment**
- Education
- Health
- **Justice**
- Political and Public Life

DISABILITY STRATEGY

- Rights based
- Outcomes-based
- Five year lifespan
- Regularly monitored and actions updated
- Ongoing involvement of disabled people

NEXT STEPS

- Drafting of Strategy
- Public consultation
- Final Strategy published
- Implementation and monitoring







Questions