



DCYA Transfer of Functions Update DCEDIY

Following the Government announcement of 27th June 2020, a number of areas of responsibility have transferred into and out of the Department from the Department of Justice. Further transfers in from the Department of Health and out to the Department of Education will take place in 2021. This has also resulted in an alternation of title for the Department.

A. Alteration of Title

From 15th October 2020, the Department name changed from the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA) to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (DCEDIY).

B. Transfer in from Department of Justice and Equality

With effect from 14th October 2020, the following functions have transferred into the Department from the Department of Justice and Equality:

Equality functions encompassing:

- Gender Equality
- Disability Policy
- Migrant Integration Policy
- Traveller and Roma Inclusion Policy
- LGBTI+ Inclusion Policy
- Work-Life Balance and Supports for Working Parents and Caring Responsibility
- Funding Streams Associated with Policy Work Transferring

Other work streams transferring:

- Integration Service Delivery
- Magdalen Restorative Justice
- International Protection Accommodation Service (IPAS) and International Protection Procurement Service (IPPS)

These functions involve the transfer of 97.4 WTE civil service staff and gross funding of €120.4m. Included in the overall transfer is responsibility for two State agencies, the National Disability Authority (NDA) and the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission (IHREC).

Minister of State Rabbitte T.D., was assigned to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth on 17th November 2020 with special responsibility for Disability. Work is ongoing within the Department to delegate Disability policy functions to Minister of State Rabbitte T.D..

C. Transfer out to Department of Justice and Equality

With effect from 14th October 2020, the following functions have transfer to the Department of Justice and Equality from this Department:

- Bail Supervision Scheme
- Greentown Project
- Research Evidence into Practice Project (REPP)
- Legislation relating to alternative sentencing for juveniles

This transfer involves 1.5 WTE and gross funding of €2.9m moving out of this Department.

D. Transfer in from Department of Health

It is intended that responsibility for Disability functions currently under the Department of Health, which includes specialist community based disability services provided by the HSE, will move to this Department. These services are provided to those with physical, sensory, intellectual disability and autism and include:

- Adult Residential
- Children's Residential
- Adult Day Services
- Adults & Children's Centre-based / Community-based Respite
- Home Support Services
- Personal Assistance Hours
- Clinical/MDT Supports
- Children's Disability Therapy Services

The budget for 2021 for Disability Services is approximately €2.2 billion. Services are delivered through a mix of HSE direct provision as well as through 266 non-statutory section 38 and 39 service providers, and private providers.

Due to the complexity and size of the transfer, the current plan is for the transfer of functions to take place in Q2 2021. In the interim period, responsibility for Disability functions in the Department of Health have been delegated to Minister of State Rabbitte T.D..

E. Transfer out to Department of Education

Responsibility for educational welfares services will transfer to the Department of Education with effect from 1st January 2021. These services include the School Completion Programme, the Tusla Education Support Service (TESS) and the Alternative Education Assessment and Registration Services (AEARS) under the Education (Welfare) Act 2000. This equates to approximately €35 million of Exchequer funding.

Work is ongoing between both Departments on progressing the transfer. This includes proposals to amend primary legislation and putting in place interim governance arrangements.

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