

PRIORITY AREAS – 2025-26

Autism Strategy

Undertake statutory function in relation to monitoring implementation and effectiveness of the Autism Strategy, engaging on a cross-departmental basis with relevant stakeholders.

Adolescence to Adulthood Transition (age 14 to 25)

To provide evidence-based recommendations that support development and embedding of clear, consistent, and well-supported transition pathways - promoting autonomy, choice, and proactive support to ensure that every autistic person can move into adulthood with dignity and opportunity.

Restraint, Seclusion and Restrictive Practices

Identify and promote examples of best practice which support the reduction or elimination of the use of restraint, seclusion, and restrictive practices, and which support consistent application of human rights-based approaches across sectors and settings in relation to autistic people.

Barriers to Accessing Education

Identify and promote awareness and understanding of the systemic barriers that restrict or limit equitable access to education for autistic children and young people and prevent them from thriving in educational settings.

Respite, short-breaks and residential provision for autistic people

Monitor the utilisation and effectiveness of the distribution of available funding in relation to both routine and crisis provision of respite, short-break and associated residential placements.