



Department of Children and Youth Affairs

Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

A29 National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD)

Data owner	Department of Health (www.doh.ie). The National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD) is managed by the Health Research Board (www.hrb.ie).
Brief description	Database of information about people in Ireland who are receiving intellectual disability services or who are in need of these services.
Primary function of data	Service planning and coordination for people with an intellectual disability through the collection of information on usage of and need for specialised disability services.
Key classificatory variables	ID Other; Sex; DOB; Age Yr; County; Geog Sub County; Geog Other; Disability
Themes/domains	Health; Demographics
Unit of observation	Individual with an intellectual disability or accessing intellectual disability services
Start date of data collection	1995
Frequency of data collection	Continuous. The NIDD is a live system, so data is updated in real time to reflect changes in service provision or future need.
Data format	Separate record for each individual (anonymous).
Method of data collection	Mainly computerised through web-based system. The information on the database is gathered by those who are in contact with people with intellectual disabilities, such as service providers, HSE Local Health Offices, voluntary bodies, community care workers, public health nurses, school principals and others involved in education. The information is given to the Health Service Executive and a regional database is compiled for each HSE region. The regional databases are then sent to the Health Research Board for collation at national level.
Access/further information	Disability Databases Team Health Research Board: www.hrb.ie Publications available at: http://www.hrb.ie/publications/disability/
Note	Both the National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD) and the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD) – also managed by the Health Research Board (see A30) – have in excess of 25,000 records.