



# Department of Children and Youth Affairs

## Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

### A30 National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD)

<b>Data owner</b>	Department of Health ( <a href="http://www.doh.ie">www.doh.ie</a> ). The National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD) is managed by the Health Research Board ( <a href="http://www.hrb.ie">www.hrb.ie</a> ).
<b>Brief description</b>	Database of information on usage of and need for specialised disability services for people in Ireland with a physical, sensory and/or speech/language disability. The database monitors current service provision and future service requirements over a 5-year period. It also measures activity and participation restriction.
<b>Primary function of data</b>	Planning service developments and prioritising service needs for people with a physical, sensory and/or speech/language disability through the collection of information on their specialised health and personal social service needs.
<b>Key classificatory variables</b>	ID Other; Sex; DOB; Age Yr; County; Geog Sub County; Geog Other; Disability; Family Status; Household
<b>Themes/domains</b>	Health; Demographics; Participation
<b>Unit of observation</b>	Individual with a physical/sensory/speech/language disability
<b>Start date of data collection</b>	2002
<b>Frequency of data collection</b>	Continuous
<b>Data format</b>	Separate record for each individual (anonymous).
<b>Method of data collection</b>	Computerised through a web-based system. Information is collected from people with a physical, sensory and/or speech/language disability who are receiving or who need a specialised health or personal social service currently or within the next 5 years.
<b>Access/further information</b>	Disability Databases Team Health Research Board: <a href="http://www.hrb.ie">www.hrb.ie</a> Publications available at: <a href="http://www.hrb.ie/publications/disability/">http://www.hrb.ie/publications/disability/</a>
<b>Notes</b>	Both the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD) and the National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD) – also managed by the Health Research Board (see A29) – have in excess of 25,000 records.  On the NPSDD, there is a measure of activity and participation that builds on the WHO's International Classification of Functioning (ICF) and can be used to compare with other international data.