



Connect Mayo


- Partnership between HSE, Western Care Association and Enable Ireland Mayo
- Parallel services
- Separate criteria
- Central referral process

### Referral Forum

- Members of forum:
- Representatives from Enable Ireland and Western Care association
- Forum meets monthly or as required
- Agree a pathway for service

### The referral Process

- Complete referral form
- Send to connect email address [Connectmayo@enableireland.ie](mailto:Connectmayo@enableireland.ie)
- If referral not fully complete it will be returned to referrer for completion



### Enable Ireland Services

- To provide a break for families, from providing continual care and assistance to children with Physical & sensory disabilities, Neuro diverse profiles and mild intellectual disabilities.
- Create a positive and challenging experience for children availing of the service.
- To provide support required to enable children to access various activities of their choice in the community.
- To contribute to the personal and social development of children availing of the service and where possible facilitate inclusion in mainstream community based activities

### Enable Ireland Mayo Services

In home Family Support Service – Children 0-18

Support Children and their Families within their home environment as needs are identified.

Connect Community Service- Children 10-18

Children who would benefit from Community activities in group settings

**Children who would benefit from accessing the Family support service:**

- Children with physical disabilities who have high support care needs
- Children with intellectual abilities who require additional support with carrying out activities of daily living
- Families in crisis who need additional support in caring for their child with a disability at home
- Children identified at risk due to parenting issues

**Children who would not benefit from the Family support service:**

- Children who have specific nursing care needs
- Children who present with behaviours that challenge
- Children at the end of life

**Referral criteria for Children to access the Enable Ireland Connect programme Mayo**

- Children aged 10-18 years
- Children with physical disabilities and identified support needs
- Children with intellectual disabilities who require additional supports with carrying out activities of daily living
- Children who require additional support to achieve independence goals
- Children residing in Co Mayo
- Families in need of additional support during periods of Crisis
- Children at risk due to parenting issues
- Children with specific therapy supports goals time limited

**Children who are not eligible for Enable Ireland Connect**

Children who have specific nursing care needs

Children who are identified as having Behaviours that challenge

Children at the end of life

**Criteria for Referral – Western Care Association**

- Children 7-18 years with an intellectual disability and/or Autism.
- High level of risk / challenge within the family home or community that inhibits family's ability to support child in a consistent way
- Multiple additional needs with other children in the household
- Lack of opportunities for child to access the community due to behavioural differences, ability to cope with environment and other needs impacting on the child
- Changes in family circumstances that impacts on the support and care needs of the family
- Where there are circumstances that the referral team feels that short / medium term respite will prevent further escalation to crisis.

**Types of support Episodes of Care**

- **Short term:** Targeted breaks to support a specific period of difficulty / crisis / change in family circumstances. Typical range of support 6-12 weeks with review at this stage
- **Medium term:** For families and children that require longer term support to improve family situation / give meaningful break. Typical range 12-24 weeks with review at this stage
- **Long term support:** Where family circumstances / child(ren) needs are deemed to be severe and at a consistently high level Eg ; long term family capacity issues / child protection / severity of need of child (ren) as deemed by referral team / admission criteria. Typical range 6-12 months + review will be fixed at a time scale that reflects the ongoing circumstances but will be no more than 18 months.

**Arrangements made for Consultation with families and Children**

Meetings will be arranged with families and children referred to CONNECT to establish what activities the children would like to do and their aspirations

An individualized care plan will be developed in consultation with child, their family and the child's team following the consultation meeting.

The identified service will retain a copy of the care plan which will be reviewed annually or as required in consultation with parents and the child's team as appropriate. The support staff will be fully briefed on the care plan