

Informing Families of their Child's Disability

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Contents

The focus groups provided information on how families in Ireland currently receive their child's diagnosis of disability, and recommendations for best practice in the future. The questionnaire survey contained further information on current practice and validation of the recommendations from the focus group data.

Objectives

A mixed methodology was used which included a national and international literature review, 22 focus groups (7 with families of children with disabilities and 15 with individual professional disciplines who communicate with families around the diagnosis) and a national survey of 584 families and 1588 professionals.

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