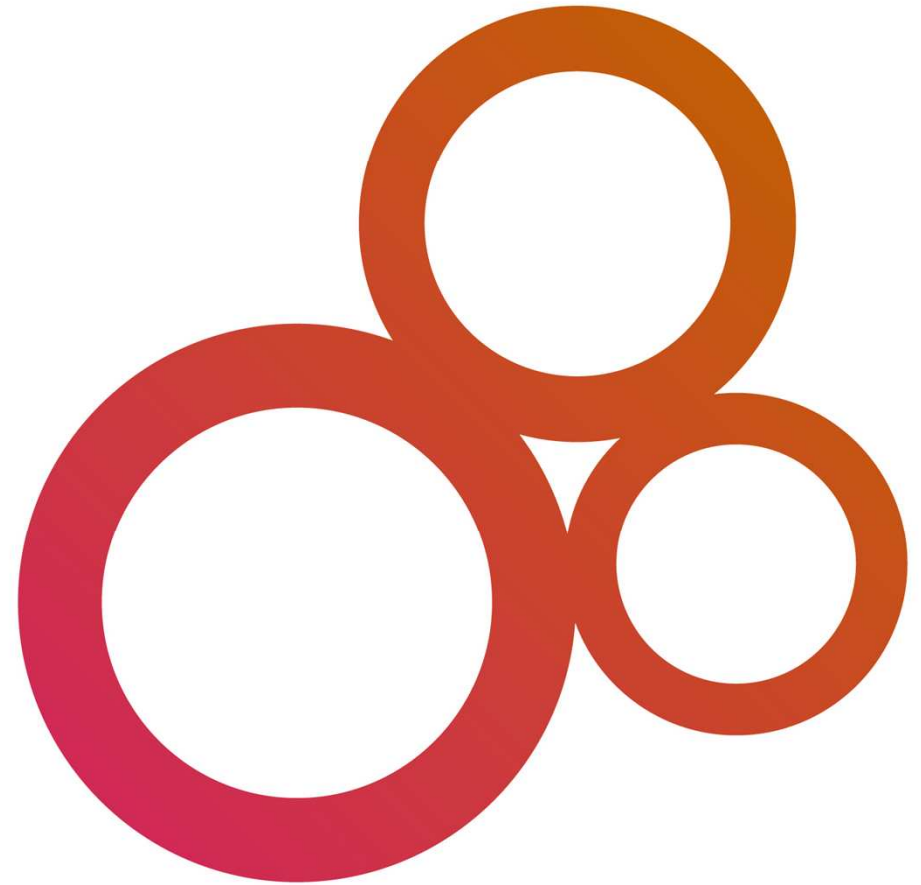




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# Independent Living Strategy

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To champion disability equality within and  
across government

Help Government deliver its commitments

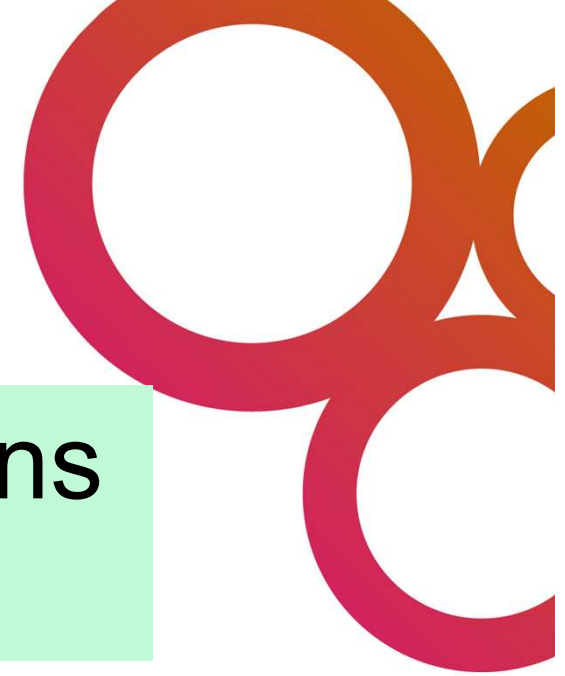
Working in partnership with disabled people.

## Independent Living – a five year cross-government Strategy

- Disabled people will have greater choice and control over the support they need to live their lives
- Disabled people will have greater access to housing, employment, health and social services and transport opportunities, and to participating in family and community life.

# What independent living means to disabled people

- Being included
- Participating
- Equal access
- Being ordinary
- Having a voice
- Being able to take risks
- Being respected and having rights
- Choice about where I live
- Choice about who I live with
- Choosing who supports me
- Choosing how my needs are met
- Being in control
- Being an equal citizen



## Therefore our definition is....

Not living on your own, or doing things for yourself,

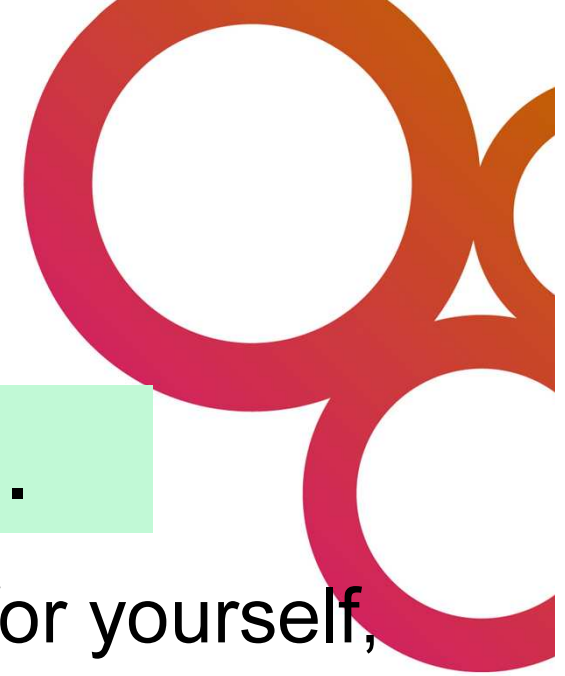
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Having choice and control over the assistance and  
or equipment you need to go about your daily  
life

Having equal access to housing, employment,  
health, mobility, education and training  
opportunities,

Participating in family and community life

Whatever your age or impairment.





## Strategy brings together existing

- ~~and new~~ policy commitments
- Housing
- Transport and Mobility
- Health
- Social Care
- Transition to adulthood
- Parenting
- Older people.

# Role of Central Government

- Supporting implementation
  - Toolkit on independent living for older disabled people;
  - Continuing health care good practice guidance.
  - Action and Learning Sites: transfer of resources to user-led support, advocacy and brokerage
  - Regional initiative to develop independent living initiatives for older people with high support needs
- Promoting understanding - awareness campaign to bring about cultural shift
- Outcomes framework.





## Scrutiny and monitoring of progress

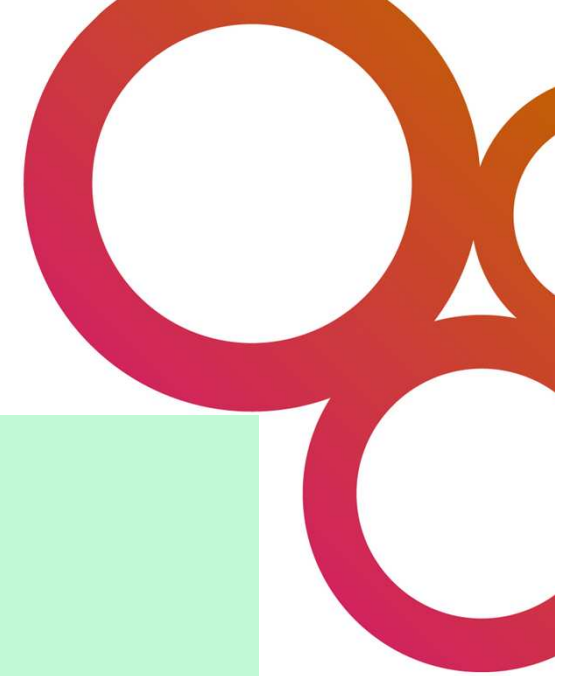
- Detailed measuring of outcomes
  - On an annual basis
  - Reporting to Ministers
- .....and a commitment to review the need for new investment and/or legislation if satisfactory progress is not made.



## Involving disabled people in implementation and monitoring of the Strategy

- Disabled people were involved in the development of the Strategy
- And they must be involved in its implementation and in the monitoring of progress
- Consultation on how to do this – running until June 20<sup>th</sup>.





## Delivery depends on local leadership

It's at the local level that independent living succeeds or fails

Critical role for local leadership

Bringing delivery partners together

Involving disabled people.

## How does the ILS support your leadership?

ILS presents a coherent and comprehensive framework

Outcomes framework based on the new performance framework

Key activities to support the personalisation agenda.



## Key questions

How can we enable disabled people to be involved in Local Strategic Partnerships?

How can we increase leadership capacity amongst disabled people at local and regional levels?

What more should be done to ensure that the Strategy is properly implemented, and that disabled people are involved in its implementation?



## We've got five years.....

Disabled people tell us public policy is right.  
But the gap between our rhetoric and their  
experience is the widest it's been.  
We've got five years to prove we can close it.

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