

## APPENDIX A: STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP – TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP

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- i. To develop, with the Department, a shared understanding of the possibilities of the principle of 'early intervention' for people with disabilities; an appreciation of the multiple and complex perspectives and challenges involved in advancing MWP Recommendations 9 and 10; and co-creating an approach to a wider consultation process with disability stakeholders.
- ii. To agree on the format of the wider consultation process; design the format of the consultation process to ensure that it is as inclusive as possible; and to consider the substance of MWP Recommendations 9 and 10 so as to develop material for dissemination and consideration by the wider stakeholder group.
- iii. To explore and consider the findings from the wider consultation process and agree a set of 'next steps' for the Department and other stakeholders for advancing the principle of 'early intervention'.

### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Name</b>	<b>Nominated by</b>
Adam Harris	As I Am
Brendan Lennon	Deaf Hear
Brian Hayes	National Platform of Self-Advocates
Catherine Kelly	Walk
Christy Grogan	DEASP
Ciaran Diamond (replaced by Paul Hill)	DEASP
Dan Power	DEASP
Declan Tanham	EmployAbility service
Derval McDonagh	Cope Foundation
Gary Owens	Down Syndrome Ireland
Geraldine Graydon	AsFAn (Autism Spectrum Family Advocacy Network)
Gerard Byrne (replaced by	National Council for the Blind of Ireland

Niamh Connolly)

Helen Faughnan (replaced by Simonetta Ryan)	DEASP
Joan Carthy	Irish Wheelchair Association
Joan O'Donnell	Disability Federation of Ireland
John Bohan	DEASP
John Dunne	Family Carers Ireland
Kate Mitchell	Mental Health Reform
Lorraine Dempsey	Special Needs Parents Association
Louise Carey	Headway
Marion E. Wilkinson	National Disability Authority
Mark O'Connor	Inclusion Ireland
Michael Gogarty	Independent Disability Consultant
Professor Michael Shevlin	School of Education, TCD
Michelle Conroy	DEASP
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Teresa Mallon	St. John of God Services
Naoise Cunningham	
Valerie Maher	One Family

During the consultation, one of the members of the Stakeholder Focus Group, Mr. Gerard Byrne nominated by NCBI, sadly passed away. The Stakeholder Focus Group wish to both acknowledge his contribution to the consultation process and to extend its sincerest sympathy to both Gerard's family and colleagues.