

## REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: PROVIDERS OF SERVICES

### **“ESTABLISHING AN OBSERVATORY ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN LONG-TERM CARE”**

**A Sage Advocacy Project funded by the Irish Human Rights and Equality commission.**

Sage Advocacy has secured funding for a project that will empower people who have lived experience to have their voice heard and drive change in how Long-Term Care services are provided in Ireland. We would like to invite providers of residential, day and community services to support the project by publicising the project or hosting a focus group.

**The Project has two main objectives;**

1. To present the current key issues for Human Rights in Long-Term Care to the Commission on Care
2. To develop a template for an Observatory on Human Rights in Long-Term Care that promotes participation and leadership of those with lived experience of Long-Term Care

**Nothing About You, Without You**

“Nothing about me, without me”, is an important phrase that self-advocates have used to drive change from the perspective of people receiving support. The project is committed to supporting those who experience Long-Term Care to take part in decisions made about it. The project will create a Terms of Reference for a future Observatory on Human Rights for Long-Term Care. The Observatory will build capacity for active citizenship in the Long-term Care community.

## **Why are we launching this project now?**

The government has pledged to establish a Commission on Care to recommend how Long-Term Care should be provided in the future. The decisions made as a result of this Commission will affect how services are provided. The project wants to ensure that as many voices of people with lived experience of Long-Term Care as possible will be represented at the commission.

We want to find out what the key issues are in relation to human rights for people receiving Long-Term Care services. We would also like to know if the ways that we are collecting information work for as many people as possible. The project will write a report about how this process went. The project will present its findings to the Commission.

## **After the Commission on Care**

This project will establish an Observatory on Human Rights in Long-Term Care. The Observatory will continue to encourage people with experience of Long-Term Care to have their voices heard and be part of decision-making.

## **Who is leading and designing the project:**

The project is designed and led by an external Project Coordinator and a Steering Committee from Sage Advocacy.

The project will appoint an Advisory Board to design the Terms of Reference for the Future Observatory with the specific intention to include those with lived experience of Long-Term Care in the decision-making processes.

## **How can Providers, Voluntary and Community services help?**

The project has three separate participatory methods of information gathering.

Online survey, Questionnaire and Focus Groups.

Services can help by displaying materials and offering to host focus groups. The groups will be facilitated by the Project Coordinator. Services could offer a private area suitable for the group to function. The focus groups will be one hour duration however the coordinator will request use of the area for two hours to allow for setting up materials and equipment.

Please contact Niamh Delany, Project Coordinator if you have any questions and your service would like to help.

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