



HIQA publishes *Guidance on a Human Rights-based Approach in Health and Social Care Services*

The Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA) has published *Guidance on a Human Rights-based Approach in Health and Social Care Services*. The guidance was developed in conjunction with Safeguarding Ireland, and was part-funded by the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission under the Human Rights and Equality Grant Scheme 2017.

The guidance is intended for all health and social care services working with adults, to assist staff and organisations to uphold human rights in their work. The guidance offers a framework to describe a human rights-based approach, and promotes best practice in this area. A human rights-based approach is an important pillar of all health and social care, which should run in parallel with other statutory and regulatory frameworks that staff are required to follow.

HIQA has also published a number of additional resources to aid understanding and implementation of a rights-based approach. A copy of the guidance and additional resources can be accessed here <https://www.hiqa.ie/reports-and-publications/guide/guidance-human-rights-based-approach-health-and-social-care-services>. If you have any queries, please contact the Standards Team on (01) 814 7400 or at standards@hiqa.ie.