

# Staying away from home in a non-clinical setting

The Home from Home Apartment offers fully accessible accommodation with aids and appliances to persons with physical and sensory disabilities and their families. It offers independent living in a non-clinical setting for short breaks and general health appointments in Dublin.

«The apartment promotes independence as it is self-catering. It is ideal for family gatherings, pre-hospital visits, and social occasions like attending a concert.»

(Barry BUCKLEY)

## Home from Home Apartment

Organisation:	Muscular Dystrophy Ireland
Country/region of origin:	Ireland
Beneficiaries targeted:	Persons with disabilities
Approach/model/solution:	Independent fully accessible accommodation, self-catering

## FACTS & FIGURES

- Currently one apartment in Dublin
- The apartment can be used by up to eight people per night
- A minimum contribution of 25 EUR per room per night required
- Won the Excellence Ireland Quality Association ABLE Award for Accessibility
- Awarded four stars by the Irish Tourist Authority

## PROBLEMS TARGETED

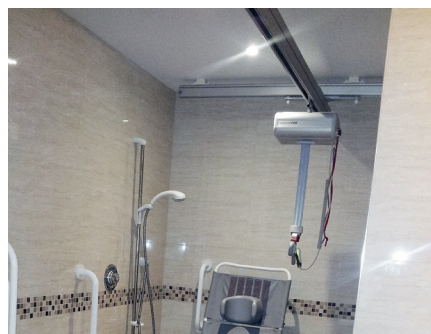
Finding accessible accommodation away from home without having to check in at a hospital is not an easy task for persons with disabilities and their families. Often accommodation lacks the necessary equipment in terms of sanitary facilities and an accessible design.

## PROJECT

The Home from Home fully accessible apartment is a non-clinical setting offering persons with disabilities and their families the chance to stay overnight without having to stay at the hospital. The apartment was designed by persons with disabilities for persons with disabilities. It enhances social inclusion, promotes independent living and addresses the challenges of finding truly accessible independent accommodation.

## CURRENT SITUATION & OUTLOOK

The facilities are available for Muscular Dystrophy Ireland (MDI) members and persons with mobility difficulties. The purpose is to provide accommodation to MDI members and their families who require accommodation while in Dublin to attend a clinic or hospital appointment, visit members in hospital or who simply require a short break. The apartment offers ceiling track hoists in the bedrooms and provides a fully equipped kitchen and a lounge area.



The apartment offers an ensuite bathroom with all necessary equipment in order to promote independent living for persons with disabilities.

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