

# Prosper Admission Criteria

(extracted from Prosper Policy on Admission, Transfer & Exit, V.4)

## 1.0 Criteria for Admission to Prosper Adult Day Services

- 1.1 Applicants must be aged eighteen years or over.
- 1.2 Applicants must be a person with a moderate level of intellectual disability (ID).
- 1.3 Applicants must have a psychological assessment dated within twenty four months of their targeted start date. *Prosper retains the right to request an independent psychological assessment and any other assessment as deemed necessary, to determine eligibility for its services.*
- 1.4 Applicants to Prosper Fingal **must** be residing within the County of Fingal Local Electoral Areas of Balbriggan, Swords and Howth-Malahide (Fingal County Council 01-8905000 / [info@fingal.ie](mailto:info@fingal.ie)). Proof of address is required.
- 1.5 Applicants to Prosper Meath **must** be residing within the County of Meath Local Electoral Areas of Navan, Trim, Ratoath, Kells, Ashbourne, and Laytown-Bettystown (Meath County Council 046-9097000 / [info@meathcoco.ie](mailto:info@meathcoco.ie)). Proof of address is required.
- 1.6 A suitable vacancy must be available.
- 1.7 All requests for admission must be in writing on the official Prosper Application Form. Applications will only be accepted if paperwork is completed in full.
- 1.8 Applications must be received by the agreed deadline for receipt of applications for that year.
- 1.9 Applicants must agree to an appraisal of need by Prosper to determine (1) applicant suitability to Prosper services and (2) Prosper's capacity to provide services to meet the applicant's needs appropriately, while not impacting negatively on those currently receiving a service. As part of the appraisal of need the applicant must be willing to spend a short period of time in a service environment and/or be open to home visits by Prosper staff. *Please note - the*

*completion of an appraisal of need does not imply automatic admission to a service.*

1.10 The ATE Committee must agree that the needs of the applicant can be met by Prosper based on the information provided.

1.11 Adequate and sustainable funding must be secured from the HSE to support each individual. This must be transferred, **in advance** to Prosper before any applicant can be offered a service.

## **2.0 Additional Criteria for Admission for People with Specialist Support Needs (additional to ID)**

2.1 Prosper was established to provide services and supports to those with a moderate level of intellectual disability. Prosper services are not designed to provide specialist supports in the areas of mental health, diagnosed medical conditions, autism or physical / sensory disability. Therefore, decisions regarding admission for applicants with specialist support needs, additional to intellectual disability, will be considered on a case by case basis. In each individual case the question must be asked is Prosper the appropriate provider with reference to the specialist expertise required, the resource implications, the impact on existing service users and the availability of the appropriate physical / specialist service environment required.

## **3.0 Additional Criteria for Admission to Prosper Rehabilitative Training (RT) Programme**

3.1 Applications to the Prosper RT programme must meet specific related programme entry criteria and be approved by the HSE Rehabilitative Training Guidance Service (RTGS) for entry onto the programme. *Applicants must be aware that the provision of service is for the **duration of the training programme only**. On completion of the Prosper RT programme, if an individual wishes, they may apply to transfer to a Prosper Day Service.*