Mapping Paper

Summary overview of types and characteristics of institutions and community-based services for persons with disabilities available across the EU

**Country: Cyprus**

**2014 and 2015**

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| FRA asked its research network FRANET to collect information on types of institutional and community based services for persons with disabilities available in each EU Member State. The data collection focused on the main features of the service types (the type of the structure, the provider and funder of support) and the population provided for (age group, type of impairment, level of support provided). In addition, the data collection on institutional services included information on typical size, length of admissions, and length of time that institutions/services of that type have been operating. The data collection on community-based services included information on availability of the type of CBS in the country, eligibility and user control over the support provided).  More information is available in FRA’s [Summary overview of types and characteristics of institutional and community-based services for persons with disabilities available across the EU](http://fra.europa.eu/en/project/2014/rights-persons-disabilities-right-independent-living). |

# Overview of institutional services for persons with disabilities (2014)

**Table 1: Typology of institutions**

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| **TYPE OF SERVICE** | **SIZE** | **AGE GROUP** | **TYPE OF IMPAIRMENT** | **LEVEL OF SUPPORT PROVIDED** | **TYPICAL PROVIDER** | **TYPICAL FUNDER** | **LENGTH OF ADMISSION** | **AGE OF INSTITUTION/ SERVICE** |
| Κέντρα Διημερεύουσας Φροντίδας- Day-care Centres (not residential)[[1]](#footnote-1) | 6-10 places,  11-30 places | Adult, children | Mixed | Daytime support provided, no night time staffing | Mixed | National government | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Κέντρα Διημερεύουσας Φροντίδας- Day-care Centres (not residential)[[2]](#footnote-2) | 6-10 places,  11-30 places | Adult, children | Mixed | Daytime support provided, no night time staffing | Private | Mixed government and private | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Κοινοτικά Κέντρα Διημερεύουσας Φροντίδας – Municipality Day Care Centres (not residential)[[3]](#footnote-3) | 6-10 places,  11-30 places | Children | Mixed | Daytime support provided, no night time staffing | Local authority/ municipality | Regional/ local/ municipal authority | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Στέγη για Άτομα με Σοβαρή Νοητική Υστέρηση Νέα Ελεούσα – Shelter for People with Severe Intellectual Disability Nea Eleousa[[4]](#footnote-4) (Residential) | 30-100 places | Children, adults | Intellectual disability | 24-hour support provided | National | National government | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Ενταγμένες Οικιστικές Μονάδες - Integrated Group-Homes  (Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation – Association of Friends)[[5]](#footnote-5) (Residential) | 1-5 places | Adult | Intellectual disability | Variable support provided, depending on the residents’ needs | Voluntary/ not-for-profit | Mixed | Over 2 years | 5-10 years |
| Στέγη Ηλικιωμένων και Αναπήρων  Old and Disabled Peoples’ Home  (Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation – Association of Friends)[[6]](#footnote-6) (Residential) | 11-30 places | Adult,  Older People | Intellectual disability | 24-hour support provided | Voluntary/ not-for-profit | Mixed | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Στέγες Ηλικιωμένων και Αναπήρων  Old and Disabled Peoples’ Homes (Residential)[[7]](#footnote-7) | 11-30 places | Adult, older people | Mixed | 24-hour support provided | Private | Mixed government and private | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Στέγες Ηλικιωμένων και Αναπήρων  Old and Disabled Peoples’ Homes (Residential)[[8]](#footnote-8) | 11-30 places | Adult, older people | Mixed | 24-hour support provided | Local authority/ municipality | Regional/municipal authority and national government | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Οικοτροφεία  Residence Halls  (Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation)[[9]](#footnote-9) (Residential) | 30-100 places | Children, Adult | Intellectual disability | 24-hour support provided  (Residents can visit their family homes during the weekends) | Voluntary/ not-for-profit | Mixed | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Πολυδύναμα Δημοτικά Κέντρα – Multipurpose Municipality Centres (not-residential)[[10]](#footnote-10) | 30-100 places | Older people | Mixed | Daytime support provided | Local authorities/municipalities | Regional/local/municipal authority | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Σπίτια στη Κοινότητα (Έλικας) – Homes in the Community (Residential)[[11]](#footnote-11) | 1-5 places | Adult | Intellectual disability | Variable support provided, depending on the residents’ needs | Voluntary/ not-for-profit | Mixed | Mixed lengths of admission | 10-50 years |
| Σπίτια στην Κοινότητα – Homes in the Community (Nea Eleousa) (Residential)[[12]](#footnote-12) | 1-5 persons | Adult | Mainly intellectual disability | Variable support provided, depending on the residents’ needs | National | National government | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Σπίτια στην Κοινότητα – Homes in the Community (Residential)[[13]](#footnote-13) | 1-5 persons | Adult | Mixed | Variable support provided, depending on the residents’ needs | Mixed | Mixed | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Μέλαθρο Ευγηρίας – Old Peoples’ homes (‘‘Mansion’’) (Residential)[[14]](#footnote-14) | Vary according to the capacities of each institution[[15]](#footnote-15) | Adult, Older people | Mixed | Variable support provided, depending on the residents’ needs | Private | Mixed government and private | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Οίκος Τυφλών – ηλικιωμένων, νέων, νεανίδων – Home for visually impaired old people and youth (Residential)[[16]](#footnote-16) | 6-10 places | Adult, Older people | Sensory disability | 24-hour support provided | Mixed (state and private) | Mixed | Over 2 years | 10-50 years |
| Ψυχιατρική Κλινική Γενικού Νοσοκομείου Λευκωσία/Λεμεσού – Psychiatric Clinic of the General Hospital of Nicosia and Limassol (Residential)[[17]](#footnote-17) | 11-30 places | Adult persons | Mental health problems | 24-hour support provided | National | National government | Mixed lengths of admission | 10-50 years |
| Μονάδα Νοσηλείας Εφήβων με ψυχιατρικά – ψυχοκοινωνικά προβλήματα στο Νοσοκομείο Αρχιεπισκόπου Μακαρείου ΙΙΙ – Institutional Unit for Minors with psychiatric – socio-psychiatric problems at Makarios III Hospital (Residential)[[18]](#footnote-18) | 11-30 places | Children | Mental Health Problems | 24-hour support provided | National | National government | Mixed lengths of admission | Less than 5 years |
| Ψυχιατρικό Νοσοκομείο Αθαλάσσας – Athalassa Psychiatric Hospital (Residential)[[19]](#footnote-19) | Over 100 places | Adult persons[[20]](#footnote-20) | Mental Health problems | 24-hour support provided | National | National government | Over 2 years | 50 years |

**Table 2: data sources**

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| **TITLE/ REFERENCE** | **ORGANISATION COLLECTING DATA** | **YEAR OF DATA COLLECTION** | **PERIOD COVERED BY THE DATA** | **METHODOLOGY FOR DATA COLLECTION** | **GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE OF DATA COLLECTION** | **SERVICE SCOPE OF DATA COLLECTION** |
| **Please include: title of the survey, data set, study, report, administrative document etc, including full reference with URL if available** | **Name of organisation/ institution that collected the data.**  **Type of organisation e.g. government ministry, local authority, national statistical office academia, NGO** | **Year when data was collected** | **Time period covered by the data/ report** | **Desk research, questionnaire, visits to institutions, design, sampling, administrative data** | **Local authority area, region, federal state, national** | **Services for people with mental health problems, services for people with intellectual disabilities, services for older people, services for children, large residential homes etc** |
| Cyprus, Ministry of Health (2013), Mental Health Services 2012 Annual Report[[21]](#footnote-21) *(2012. Διεύθυνση Υπηρεσιών Ψυχικής Υγείας)*, Nicosia, available at:  [www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57\_gr/page57\_gr?OpenDocument](http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57_gr/page57_gr?OpenDocument) | Ministry of Health  (Government Ministry) | 2013 | January-December 2012 | Administrative data | National | Services for people with mental health problems |
| Cyprus, Symeonidou S. (2009), ANED Country report on the implementation of policies supporting independent living for disabled people, available at:  [www.disability-europe.net/content/aned/media/CY-ANED%202009%20Task%205%20independent%20living%20report.pdf](http://www.disability-europe.net/content/aned/media/CY-ANED%202009%20Task%205%20independent%20living%20report.pdf) | Academic Network of European Disability Experts (ANED)  University of Leeds  (Academia) | 2008 | Up to 2009 | Desk research  Communication with governmental and non-governmental institutions | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (2013), Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance 2012 Annual Report *(2012 Ετήσια Έκθεση, Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων),* Nicosia, available at:  [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA\_2012\_updated.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA_2012_updated.pdf) | Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  (Government Ministry) | 2013 | January-December 2012 | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Interior 2012 Annual Report *(Υπουργείο Εσωτερικών, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2012),* Nicosia, available at:  [www.moi.gov.cy/moi/moi.nsf/all/8A1B5A8650AA7CABC2257C8D003D91F3/$file/%CE%95%CE%A4%CE%97%CE%A3%CE%99%CE%91\_%CE%95%CE%9A%CE%98%CE%95%CE%A3%CE%97\_%CE%A5%CE%A0%CE%95%CE%A3\_2012.pdf?openelement](http://www.moi.gov.cy/moi/moi.nsf/all/8A1B5A8650AA7CABC2257C8D003D91F3/$file/%CE%95%CE%A4%CE%97%CE%A3%CE%99%CE%91_%CE%95%CE%9A%CE%98%CE%95%CE%A3%CE%97_%CE%A5%CE%A0%CE%95%CE%A3_2012.pdf?openelement) | Ministry of Interior  (Government Ministry) | 2013 | January-December2012 | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Social Welfare Services (2008), The Care Services in the Cypriot Model of Social Welfare *(Υπηρεσίες Κοινωνικής Ευημερίας, Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων, Οι Υπηρεσίες Ανοικτής Φροντίδας στο Κυπριακό Μοντέλο Κοινωνικής Πρόνοιας),* Nicosia, available at:  [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/00AE9DE1F15D6AEAC2256E6600334D68/$file/anoixti%20frontida.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/00AE9DE1F15D6AEAC2256E6600334D68/$file/anoixti%20frontida.pdf) | Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  (Government Department) | 2005 – 2006 | Up to 2006  The research mapped the situation regarding the care services in Cyprus up to 2006 | Research implemented under the programme ‘Expansion and Improvement of Units and Services towards children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and other dependents’, co-funded between the European Social Fund and the Social Welfare Services of the Republic of Cyprus | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Social Welfare Services (05/08/2014), List of Approved Homes for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (Υπηρεσίες Κοινωνικής Ευημερίας, Κατάλογος Εγκεκριμένων Στεγών Ηλικιωμένων και Αναπήρων), Nicosia, available at: http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/480D998C031CBA9EC2257D6B0028A693?OpenDocument (under the title ‘[Στεγες Ηλικιωμενων και Αναπηρων Παγκυπρια (5 8 2014).doc](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/4CCB9DE3ED09E5AAC2257D4A002512F6/$file/Στεγες%20Ηλικιωμενων%20και%20Αναπηρων%20Παγκυπρια%20(5%208%202014).doc" \t "_blank)’ at the end of the page) | Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  (Government Department) | 2014 (last data 5 Aug 2014) | 2014 | Administrative Data | National | Mixed (includes Homes for the Elderly as there is no distinction between the Homes for the Elderly and Homes for Persons with Disabilities in Cyprus) |
| Cyprus, Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council (2010), Mapping of the Needs and Problems of Vulnerable Groups of the Population: Report of Research Findings (Παγκύπριο Συντονιστικό Συμβούλιο Εθελοντισμού, Χαρτογράφηση των αναγκών και των προβλημάτων των Ευπαθών Ομάδων του Πληθυσμού: Έκθεση Ερευνητικών Πορισμάτων), Nicosia, available at: www.mjpo.gov.cy/mjpo/mjpo.nsf/28496476922F8D3BC2257B880027911B/$file/%CE%A7%CE%B1%CF%81%CF%84%CE%BF%CE%B3%CF%81%CE%AC%CF%86%CE%B7%CF%83%CE%B7%20%CF%84%CF%89%CE%BD%20%CE%B1%CE%BD%CE%B1%CE%B3%CE%BA%CF%8E%CE%BD%20%CE%BA%CE%B1%CE%B9%20%CF%84%CF%89%CE%BD%20%CF%80%CF%81%CE%BF%CE%B2%CE%BB%CE%B7%CE%BC%CE%AC%CF%84%CF%89%CE%BD%20%CF%84%CF%89%CE%BD%20%CE%B5%CF%85%CF%80%CE%B1%CE%B8%CF%8E%CE%BD%20%CE%BF%CE%BC%CE%AC%CE%B4%CF%89%CE%BD%20%CF%84%CE%BF%CF%85%20%CF%80%CE%BB%CE%B7%CE%B8%CF%85%CF%83%CE%BC%CE%BF%CF%8D.pdf | Pan Cyprian Volunteerism Coordinative Council  (Non-for-profit Council funded by the Government) | 2009–2010 | Up to 2010 | Desk research, administrative data, field research (combination of qualitative and quantitative research, questionnaires[[22]](#footnote-22) | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (2013),  First National Disability Action Plan 2013 – 2015 for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Nicosia, available at: www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/dsid/dsid.nsf/All/8127DB2BD9ACA2E8C2257BB7003F8B7E?OpenDocument | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  (Government Department) | 2013 | 2011 – 2013 (Actions implemented since the ratification of the Convention)  2013 – 2015 Action Plan | Administrative Data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (2013), First Report of Cyprus for the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Nicosia, available at:  [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/dsid/dsid.nsf/All/8127DB2BD9ACA2E8C2257BB7003F8B7E?OpenDocument](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/dsid/dsid.nsf/All/8127DB2BD9ACA2E8C2257BB7003F8B7E?OpenDocument) | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  (Government Department) | 2013 | 2011 – 2013 (Actions implemented since the ratification of the Convention, legislations and mechanisms in place and an Action Plan for 2013 – 2015) | Administrative Data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Committee for the Protection of the Rights of People with a Mental Handicap, 2012 Annual Report *(Επιτροπή Προστασίας Νοητικά Καθυστερημένων Ατόμων, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2012)*, available at:  <http://www.cpmental.com.cy/epnka/userfiles/file/AnnualReport2012.pdf> | Committee for the Protection of the Rights of People with a Mental Handicap  (NGO) | 2012-2013 | 2012 | Administrative Data | National (looks into regional details as well) | Services for people with intellectual disabilities |
| Cyprus, Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (2010), National Report on the Strategies for Social Protection and Social Inclusion*,(Υπηρεσίες Κοινωνικής Ευημερίας, Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων, Εθνική Έκθεση για τις Στρατηγικές Κοινωνικής Προστασίας και Κοινωνικής Ενσωμάτωσης 2008-2010),* available at:  [www.refernet.org.cy/images/media/assetfile/NSR\_SPSI\_2008-2010\_080002.pdf](http://www.refernet.org.cy/images/media/assetfile/NSR_SPSI_2008-2010_080002.pdf) | Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  (Government Department) | 2008-2010 | 2008-2010 | Administrative data, research, questionnaires, visits to institutions | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Ministerial Report (2004), Comprehensive Approach of the Issues around People with Disabilities*,(Έκθεση Υπουργικής Επιτροπής, Σφαιρική Αντιμετώπιση των Θεμάτων των Ατόμων με Αναπηρία)* available at: [www.kysoa.org.cy/kysoa/userfiles/file/diekdikiseis/pdf/Sfairiki%20politiki-Ekthesi.pdf](http://www.kysoa.org.cy/kysoa/userfiles/file/diekdikiseis/pdf/Sfairiki%20politiki-Ekthesi.pdf) | - Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  - Ministry of Finance  - Ministry of Education and Culture  - Ministry of Interior  - Ministry of Communication and Works  - Ministry of Health | 2004 | Up to 2004, Strategic planning for the future | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, The Equality Authority – Office of the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsperson) 2012, Report of the Equality Authority regarding the Operation of Special Units of Education*,(Αρχή Ισότητας – Γραφείο Επιτρόπου Διοίκησης, Έκθεση αναφορικά με τη Λειτουργία των Ειδικών Μονάδων Αγωγής και Εκπαίδευσης)* Available at: [www.no-discrimination.ombudsman.gov.cy/ektheseis-aki](http://www.no-discrimination.ombudsman.gov.cy/ektheseis-aki) (Report code AKI 50/2011) | The Equality Authority – Office of the Commissioner for Administration (Ombudsperson)  Independent Authority | 2012 | 2011 | Research after submission of a complaint | Local | Various forms of disabilities |
| European Commission (2013), Sixth Disability High Level Group Report on the Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, available at:  <http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/files/dhlg_6th_report_en.pdf> | European Commission | 2013 | Assessment of the implementation up to 2013 | Administrative data, reports by national authorities | National | Persons with disabilities |
| Cyprus, Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (2009), Statistics on the Institutional Care of Children and Adults, *(Υπηρεσίες Κοινωνικής Ευημερίας, Υπουργείο Εργασίας, Πρόνοιας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων, Ιδρυματική Φροντίδα Παιδιών/ Ενηλίκων 2009)* available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/7b0b8f45ad2451a0c2256dbb003a702c/1A57A1D0624AAF19C2256E660033AC01/$file/%CE%A5%CE%9A%CE%95%20%CE%A0%CE%99%CE%9D%CE%91%CE%9A%CE%95%CE%A3%2020091.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/7b0b8f45ad2451a0c2256dbb003a702c/1A57A1D0624AAF19C2256E660033AC01/$file/%CE%A5%CE%9A%CE%95%20%CE%A0%CE%99%CE%9D%CE%91%CE%9A%CE%95%CE%A3%2020091.pdf) | Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  (Government department) | 2010 | 2009 (first table refers to social benefits for 1998-2009, not relevant) | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Social Welfare Services (2012), 2012 Annual Report, *(Υπηρεσίες Κοινωνικής Ευημερίας, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2012)* available at:  [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/3B12807528BA2675C2257BA50033613C/$file/%CE%95%CF%84%CE%AE%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%88%CE%BA%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%83%CE%B7%202012YKE%20final.doc?OpenElement](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/3B12807528BA2675C2257BA50033613C/$file/%CE%95%CF%84%CE%AE%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%88%CE%BA%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%83%CE%B7%202012YKE%20final.doc?OpenElement) | Social Welfare Services, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  Government department | 2013 | 2012 | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (2012), 2012 Annual Report, *(Τμήμα Κοινωνικής Ενσωμάτωσης Ατόμων με Αναπηρίες, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2012)* available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/dsid/dsid.nsf/32BF365375E1D346C2257A7C002D2F7D/$file/%CE%95%CF%84%CE%AE%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%88%CE%BA%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%83%CE%B7%202012.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/dsid/dsid.nsf/32BF365375E1D346C2257A7C002D2F7D/$file/%CE%95%CF%84%CE%AE%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%88%CE%BA%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%83%CE%B7%202012.pdf) | Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance  Government department | 2013 | 2012 | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Commissioner for Children’s Rights 2014, 2013 Annual Report, *(Επίτροπος Προστασίας των Δικαιωμάτων του Παιδιού, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2013)* available at: [www.childcom.org.cy/ccr/ccr.nsf/All/DC93EAB854C6E105C2257CEE0026F2D2/$file/%CE%95%CF%84%CE%AE%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%88%CE%BA%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%83%CE%B7%202013.pdf](http://www.childcom.org.cy/ccr/ccr.nsf/All/DC93EAB854C6E105C2257CEE0026F2D2/$file/%CE%95%CF%84%CE%AE%CF%83%CE%B9%CE%B1%20%CE%88%CE%BA%CE%B8%CE%B5%CF%83%CE%B7%202013.pdf) | Commissioner for Children’s Rights  Independent Authority | 2014 | 2013 | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| University of Kent for the European Commission (2007), Deinstitutionalisation and community living – outcomes and costs: report of a European study, available at: [www.kent.ac.uk/tizard/research/DECL\_network/documents/DECLOC\_Volume\_2\_Report\_for\_Web.pdf](http://www.kent.ac.uk/tizard/research/DECL_network/documents/DECLOC_Volume_2_Report_for_Web.pdf) | University of Kent | 2007 | 2007 | Desk research, administrative data | National | Mixed |
| University of Kent for the European Commission (2007), Deinstitutionalisation and community living – outcomes and costs: report of a European study, Country report: Cyprus, available at:  [www.kent.ac.uk/tizard/research/DECL\_network/documents/DECLOCCountryreportCyprus.pdf](http://www.kent.ac.uk/tizard/research/DECL_network/documents/DECLOCCountryreportCyprus.pdf) | University of Kent | 2007 | 2007 | Desk research, administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Athens, Institute for Social Innovation (2003), Study on Dependency of Welfare Clients on Benefits and Services – The Case of Cyprus, available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/0/00AE9DE1F15D6AEAC2256E6600334D68/$file/DEPENDENCY%20OF%20WELFARE%20CLIENTS%20ON%20BENEFITS%20AND%20SERVICES%20%E2%80%93%20THE.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/0/00AE9DE1F15D6AEAC2256E6600334D68/$file/DEPENDENCY%20OF%20WELFARE%20CLIENTS%20ON%20BENEFITS%20AND%20SERVICES%20%E2%80%93%20THE.pdf) | Institute for Social Innovation | 2003 | January-June 2003 | Desk research, administrative data, questionnaires, visits[[23]](#footnote-23) | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Theotokos Foundation Limassol (2010), Study investigating the wishes of persons with intellectual disabilities in relation to supported living, *(Ίδρυμα Θεοτόκος, Μελέτη Διερεύνησης των επιθυμιών των ατόμων με νοητική υστέρηση σε σχέση με την υποστηριζόμενη διαβίωση)* available at:  [www.google.com.cy/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CCAQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.theotokosfoundation.org%2Findex.php%2Fresearch-legislation%2Fdownload.html&ei=HoMdVNKHK\_SV7Aaz24DoCg&usg=AFQjCNGTgVU4Hwnttx2yXeoQgKpF0gNVUA&bvm=bv.75775273,d.ZGU](http://www.google.com.cy/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&ved=0CCAQFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.theotokosfoundation.org%2Findex.php%2Fresearch-legislation%2Fdownload.html&ei=HoMdVNKHK_SV7Aaz24DoCg&usg=AFQjCNGTgVU4Hwnttx2yXeoQgKpF0gNVUA&bvm=bv.75775273,d.ZGU) | Theotokos Foundation  NGO | 2010 | 2010 | Questionnaires (interviews)[[24]](#footnote-24) | National | Intellectual disabilities |
| Cyprus, Pancyprian Federation of Associations of Parents of Children with Disabilities (June 2013), Register of Day-Care and Activity Centres *(Παγκύπρια Ομοσπονδία Συνδέσμων Γονέων Παιδιών με Ειδικές Ανάγκες, Μητρώο Κέντρων Ημερήσιας Φροντίδας και Απασχόλησης Ατόμων με Αναπηρία),* available at: <http://posygopea.org.cy/images/pdf/Μητρώο%20ΚΗΦΑ%20-ΠΟΣΥΓΟΠΕΑ2013.pdf> | Pancyprian Federation of Associations of Parents of Children with Disabilities | 2013 | Last update in 2013 | Administrative data | National | Mixed |
| Cyprus, Independent Authority for the Prevention of Torture, The Office of the Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights (Ombudsperson), Annual Report 2012 *(Ανεξάρτητη Αρχή Πρόληψης των Βασανιστηρίων, Γραφείο Επιτρόπου Διοικήσεως και Προστασίας Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2012)*, Nicosia, available at: [www.ombudsman.gov.cy/Ombudsman/Ombudsman.nsf/All/6767F9065378F3E5C2257BFA0028F1BF/$file/Book%20Pro%20Vasanist%202012%20GR%20electronic%20edition.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/Ombudsman/Ombudsman.nsf/All/6767F9065378F3E5C2257BFA0028F1BF/$file/Book%20Pro%20Vasanist%202012%20GR%20electronic%20edition.pdf?OpenElement) | Independent Authority for the Prevention of Torture, The Office of the Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights (Ombudsperson)  (Independent Authority) | 2013 | January-December 2012 | Administrative Data, Visits to Institutions (The Commissioner has the jurisdiction to visit different institutions formally or unexpectedly in order to monitor their operation. Such visits took place in Homes for the Elderly and Persons with Disabilities in 2012) | National | Services for people with mental health problems, Shelters and Homes for the elderly and people with disabilities |
| Cyprus, Independent Authority for the Prevention of Torture, The Office of the Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights (Ombudsperson), Annual Report 2011 *(Ανεξάρτητη Αρχή Πρόληψης των Βασανιστηρίων, Γραφείο Επιτρόπου Διοικήσεως και Προστασίας Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2011)*, Nicosia, available at: [www.ombudsman.gov.cy/Ombudsman/Ombudsman.nsf/All/DD77A31605E2795FC2257A800029D97D/$file/ΕΤΗΣΙΑ%20ΕΚΘΕΣΗ%20ΑΝΕΞΑΡΤΗΤΗΣ%20ΑΡΧΗΣ%20ΠΡΟΛΗΨΗΣ%202011.pdf?OpenElement](http://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/Ombudsman/Ombudsman.nsf/All/DD77A31605E2795FC2257A800029D97D/$file/ΕΤΗΣΙΑ%20ΕΚΘΕΣΗ%20ΑΝΕΞΑΡΤΗΤΗΣ%20ΑΡΧΗΣ%20ΠΡΟΛΗΨΗΣ%202011.pdf?OpenElement) | Independent Authority for the Prevention of Torture, The Office of the Commissioner for Administration and the Protection of Human Rights (Ombudsperson)  (Independent Authority) | 2012 | January-December 2011 | Administrative Data, Visits to Institutions (The Commissioner visited the Athalassa Psychiatric Hospital in 2011 | National | Services for people with mental health problems, Shelters and Homes for the elderly and people with disabilities |
| Cyprus, Ministry of Justice and Public Order, Annual Report 2012 (Υπουργείο Δικαιοσύνης και Δημόσιας Τάξεως, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2012), available at: [www.mjpo.gov.cy/MJPO/MJPO.nsf/3E7D11C068594790C2257C99003FB470/$file/Annual\_Report\_2012.pdf](http://www.mjpo.gov.cy/MJPO/MJPO.nsf/3E7D11C068594790C2257C99003FB470/$file/Annual_Report_2012.pdf) | Ministry of Justice and Public Order  (Government ministry) | 2013 | January-December 2012 | Administrative data  (Since 2012 the Multi-thematic Team of the prisons operates 5 days per week for psychiatric support of prisoners with psychiatric or psychological problems. This was a response to the recommendations of the Independent Authority for the Prevention of Torture (jurisdiction of the Ombudsperson) and the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture for the creation of a Multipurpose Centre for the treatment of inmates with mental health problems.) | National | Services for people with mental health problem who are in prison |

# Overview of community-based services for persons with disabilities (2015)

**Table 3: community-based services for persons with disabilities**

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| **Type of community-based service**  *Please provide the name of the type of service in the national language and a translation into English*  *Please indicate if the types of services presented below are given a different name in your country* | **Yes/ No**  *Please indicate if this type of service is available in your country* | **Profile of the users**   * *age (children, adults or older persons)* * *type of disability (physical disability, intellectual disability, psycho-social disability, deaf or hard of hearing, blind)* | **Explanatory information**  *For each type of service, please provide a short description of:*   * *the type and level (i.e. 24 hour, daytime, weekends, etc.) of support the service provides;* * *location of the service (i.e. city, town, rural areas);* * *who is eligible for the service* * *who is typically the provider and funder of services (i.e. national government, local government, municipality, NGO, private company, etc.)?* | **Extent to which support is self-directed**  *For each type of service, please provide information about the extent to which users control the support provided. Can individuals using the service:*   * *recruit and manage staff providing support;* * *determine the activities for which support is needed;* * *determine how the budget for services and supports is used;* * *choose types of equipment and adaptations to meet their needs?* | **If data are available, please specify number of services operating in the country and the number of users**  *Please provide a full reference for this data, including information about the period covered by the data.*  *Please indicate, if data is available, if there has been decrease / increase in the last five years* |
| **Καταβολή ποσούτο οποίοοιχρήστες μπορούν να χρησιμοποιήσουν όπως επιθυμούν** (cash payments which the users may use as they wish) | Yes | Children, adults, the elderly  All types of disability | Based on a decree issued by the Ministry of Labour Welfare and Social Insurance in 2014[[25]](#footnote-25) persons who do not receive a care allowance from any other source are entitled to an allowance the amount of which is based on their needs, as these are assessed using special assessment tools. The types of services covered are home care, day care, institutional care, respite care and child care. Eligibility is conditional upon using the services of an approved carer or of a care structure. To be eligible for this allowance, applicants must be recipients of the Guaranteed Minimum Income foreseen under the relevant law.[[26]](#footnote-26) | Depending on the type of disability, applicants collaborate with Social Services in order to compile a personalised care plan. Social Services will then conclude on the type, extent and duration of the required care based on the results of the evaluation. If the users require another type of care than the one recommended by Social Services, they have the right to acquire their preferred type of care provided this will not place the quality of care at risk and provided the service provider/carer is registered with Social Services. If the cost of the preferred care exceeds the amount approved by Social Services, then the users must pay difference themselves.[[27]](#footnote-27) | This is a new measure expected to be implemented in the second part of 2015.[[28]](#footnote-28) |
| **Personal assistance** (typically purchased through earmarked cash allocations, the purpose of which is to pay for any assistance needed) | No |  |  |  |  |
| **Υπηρεσίεςστην κατοικία (Services in the residence)** | Yes | Children, adults, the elderly  All types of disability | Services in the user’s residence can be subsidised under the decree issued by the Ministry of Labour Welfare and Social Insurance in 2014[[29]](#footnote-29) (see conditions for cash payments, explained above). | Same conditions apply as for cash payments, above. | The measure is new and is in the process of being implemented. It is expected to yield results in the second half of 2015.[[30]](#footnote-30) |
| **In-home (home help, home care service)**  (home help consists of assistance with household tasks, such as shopping, cleaning, cooking, etc. Home-care services include assistance with daily routine tasks such as getting up, dressing, bathing and washing or taking medicines) | Yes | Children, adults, the elderly  All types of disability | Services in the user’s residence can be subsidised under the decree issued by the Ministry of Labour Welfare and Social Insurance in 2014[[31]](#footnote-31) (see conditions for cash payments, explained above). | Same conditions apply as for cash payments, above. | The measure is new and is in the process of being implemented. It is expected to yield results in the second half of 2015.[[32]](#footnote-32) |
| **Day care centres**  (service provided during set periods of the day; includes support, meals and some aspects of personal care, as well as social and cultural activities) | Yes | There are various day care centres catering for the needs of children, adults and elderly persons with disabilities.  Types of disability covered: intellectual disability, autism, kinetic disability, blindness, deafness. | They are open on weekdays (Monday-Friday) from morning until afternoon.  They can be found in urban centres as well as in rural areas.  They operate on the basis of approved projects.  They are run by local authorities, NGOs, or the private sector. | The degree of participation depends on the user’s condition. Where possible, the user collaborates with the service provider. | Every year, around 444 persons with disability receive services under 28 different projects.[[33]](#footnote-33) |
| **Family support / Respite care**  (provides supports to carers in their caring role and allows them to have a break, may be formal or informal, and may be provided in the home or out of the home)  **Φροντίδα ανάπαυλας (Respite care)** | Yes | Children, adults, the elderly  All types of disability | Respite care services are funded under the decree issued by the Ministry of Labour Welfare and Social Insurance in 2014[[34]](#footnote-34) (see conditions for cash payments above). | Same conditions apply as for cash payments, above. | The measure is new and is in the process of being implemented. It is expected to yield results in the second half of 2015. |
| **Foster care** (where children are placed in the domestic environment of a family that is not their own) | Yes | Children aged 0-18 mainly with intellectual disability | Children under the care of Social Services may be placed in foster families. Their needs are covered by the state budget through payments made to the foster family. | The views of children on any decision affecting them are taken into account depending on their age and maturity | Out of a total of 176 under the care of Social Services who had been placed with foster families in 2014 only 1-3 children had some type of a disability. |
| **Informal support**  (help provided by another person close to the user - family members, relatives and friends - without any official forms of support) | No |  |  |  |  |
| **Peer support/counselling** (provided by non-professionals with the counsellor and the client having equal status, and sharing experience and assistance in gaining independence and self-confidence) | No |  |  |  |  |
| **Circles of support**  (informal group of people close to the user to whom she/he can turn for support) | No |  |  |  |  |
| **Crisis intervention and emergency services**  (various activities aimed at supporting an individual or a family to overcome a  difficult situation, for example,: individual and family counselling, crisis resolution teams (usually rapid support for people living in the community who are experiencing  a mental health crisis) and emergency foster care where children at risk of neglect or abuse) | Yes | Services are provided to all persons irrespective of age or type of disability | Social services provide counselling and support to families with children and persons in need of assistance or guidance. Social services may take under their care children who are at risk of abuse or neglect.[[35]](#footnote-35) | This type of support is not self-directed by the user. | N/a |
| **Befriending**  (service provided by trained volunteers to help overcome isolation and enable full involvement in the community and social life) | Νο |  |  |  |  |
| **No other services are offered** |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Cyprus, Pancyprian Federation of Associations of Parents of Children with Disabilities (June 2013), Register of Day-Care and Activity Centres *(Παγκύπρια Ομοσπονδία Συνδέσμων Γονέων Παιδιών με Ειδικές Ανάγκες, Μητρώο Κέντρων Ημερήσιας Φροντίδας και Απασχόλησης Ατόμων με Αναπηρία),* available at: <http://posygopea.org.cy/images/pdf/Μητρώο%20ΚΗΦΑ%20-ΠΟΣΥΓΟΠΕΑ2013.pdf> All hyperlinks were accessed in October 2014. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Cyprus, Pancyprian Federation of Associations of Parents of Children with Disabilities (June 2013), Register of Day-Care and Activity Centres *(Παγκύπρια Ομοσπονδία Συνδέσμων Γονέων Παιδιών με Ειδικές Ανάγκες, Μητρώο Κέντρων Ημερήσιας Φροντίδας και Απασχόλησης Ατόμων με Αναπηρία),* available at: <http://posygopea.org.cy/images/pdf/Μητρώο%20ΚΗΦΑ%20-ΠΟΣΥΓΟΠΕΑ2013.pdf>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Cyprus, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (2013), Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance 2012 Annual Report *(2012 Ετήσια Έκθεση, Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων),* Nicosia, available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA\_2012\_updated.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA_2012_updated.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Information was obtained through the website of the Department of Social Welfare Services, available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/C6DE77FF21FF3F28C2256E6700322231?OpenDocument](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/C6DE77FF21FF3F28C2256E6700322231?OpenDocument). This refers to one institution. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Information was obtained through the website of Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation, available at: [www.ioannoufoundation.org/main/15,0,13,167-3-The-Great-projects-of-the-Association-of-Friends.aspx](http://www.ioannoufoundation.org/main/15,0,13,167-3-The-Great-projects-of-the-Association-of-Friends.aspx). These are the only integrated group homes found during this research and they are supported by this foundation. They have the characteristics of the Homes of in the Community regarding the capacity (number of residents), level of support provided, but are only directed to people with intellectual disability who have been former residents of the above mentioned foundation. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Information was obtained through the website of Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation, available at:

   [www.ioannoufoundation.org/main/15,0,13,167-3-The-Great-projects-of-the-Association-of-Friends.aspx](http://www.ioannoufoundation.org/main/15,0,13,167-3-The-Great-projects-of-the-Association-of-Friends.aspx). This Old Peoples’ Home is again created by the Ioannou Foundation exclusively for adults and older persons with intellectual disability who are former students of their school and institution. Other Old Peoples’ Homes are not specifically directed to people with disabilities but have the capacity to host them as well. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Cyprus, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (2013), Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance 2012 Annual Report *(2012 Ετήσια Έκθεση, Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων),* Nicosia, available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA\_2012\_updated.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA_2012_updated.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Cyprus, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance (2013), Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance 2012 Annual Report *(2012 Ετήσια Έκθεση, Υπουργείο Εργασίας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων),* Nicosia, available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA\_2012\_updated.pdf](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/mlsi.nsf/All/22B31A2F4190919FC2257C9E003052CA/$file/YEKA_2012_updated.pdf). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Information was obtained through the website of Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation, available at: [www.ioannoufoundation.org/main/12,0,25,194-31-Accommodation.aspx](http://www.ioannoufoundation.org/main/12,0,25,194-31-Accommodation.aspx). This refers to one institution. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. The institution of Multipurpose Centres is quite common in municipalities and larger villages/towns. Information can be obtained individually through the website of each local authority. Some of the ones utilised during this research include: [www.nicosia.org.cy/el-GR/municipality/multipurpose-centre/](http://www.nicosia.org.cy/el-GR/municipality/multipurpose-centre/)

    [www.tseri.org.cy/polydynamo.php](http://www.tseri.org.cy/polydynamo.php)

    [www.lakatamia.org.cy/default.aspx?articleID=1516](http://www.lakatamia.org.cy/default.aspx?articleID=1516)

    [www.strovolos.org.cy/default.asp?id=268](http://www.strovolos.org.cy/default.asp?id=268)

    [www.dad.org.cy/uoiresies\_dimou/koinoniki\_merimna/koinoniki\_uoiresia](http://www.dad.org.cy/uoiresies_dimou/koinoniki_merimna/koinoniki_uoiresia) . [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Information was obtained through the website of Elikas Foundation, available at: <http://elikasfoundation.blogspot.com/> . [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Information was obtained through the website of the Department of Social Welfare Services, available at: [www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/9B33BB97AB102B26C2256E670032E4C1?OpenDocument](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/9B33BB97AB102B26C2256E670032E4C1?OpenDocument). Nea Eleousa is an institution which mainly accommodates the needs of persons with intellectual disability. These specific homes are directed to the residents of this specific institution who have developed those skills needed in order to live independently or with partial support. [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Cyprus, Committee for the Protection of the Rights of People with a Mental Handicap, 2012 Annual Report *(Επιτροπή Προστασίας Νοητικά Καθυστερημένων Ατόμων, Ετήσια Έκθεση 2012)*, available at: [www.cpmental.com.cy/epnka/userfiles/file/AnnualReport2012.pdf](http://www.cpmental.com.cy/epnka/userfiles/file/AnnualReport2012.pdf). These are not supported by Nea Eleousa. These homes are partly funded by the government or municipal authorities and partly by the families of the residents (residents or their families usually receive a monthly allowance for these expenses). [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Cyprus, Social Welfare Services (05/08/2014), List of Approved Homes for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities (Υπηρεσίες Κοινωνικής Ευημερίας, Κατάλογος Εγκεκριμένων Στεγών Ηλικιωμένων και Αναπήρων), Nicosia, available at: <http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/480D998C031CBA9EC2257D6B0028A693?OpenDocument> (under the title ‘[Στεγες Ηλικιωμενων και Αναπηρων Παγκυπρια (5 8 2014).doc](http://www.mlsi.gov.cy/mlsi/sws/sws.nsf/All/4CCB9DE3ED09E5AAC2257D4A002512F6/$file/Στεγες%20Ηλικιωμενων%20και%20Αναπηρων%20Παγκυπρια%20(5%208%202014).doc" \t "_blank)’ at the end of the page) [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. In Cyprus there is still not clear distinction between Old Peoples’ Homes and Shelters for People with Disabilities. Usually old peoples’ homes (public, private, non-for-profit – including Church funded or municipality). [↑](#footnote-ref-15)
16. Information was obtained through a phone interview with a staff member of the Institution’s on 19/09/2014. [↑](#footnote-ref-16)
17. Cyprus, Ministry of Health (2013), Mental Health Services 2012 Annual Report *(2012. Διεύθυνση Υπηρεσιών Ψυχικής Υγείας)*, Nicosia, available at: [www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57\_gr/page57\_gr?OpenDocument](http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57_gr/page57_gr?OpenDocument). [↑](#footnote-ref-17)
18. Information was obtained through the website of the Makarios III Children’s Hospital [www.moh.gov.cy/MOH/amh/amh.nsf/All/5D1520FAD617F805C22577AE00292462?OpenDocument](http://www.moh.gov.cy/MOH/amh/amh.nsf/All/5D1520FAD617F805C22577AE00292462?OpenDocument)

    Also: Cyprus, Ministry of Health (2013), Mental Health Services 2012 Annual Report *(2012. Διεύθυνση Υπηρεσιών Ψυχικής Υγείας)*, Nicosia, available at: [www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57\_gr/page57\_gr?OpenDocument](http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57_gr/page57_gr?OpenDocument). [↑](#footnote-ref-18)
19. Information was obtained from the website of the Psychiatric Health Services of the Ministry of Health, available at: [www.moh.gov.cy/MOH/MHS/MHS.nsf/All/4850219A9EA20D22C2257AEE00475CB9?OpenDocument](http://www.moh.gov.cy/MOH/MHS/MHS.nsf/All/4850219A9EA20D22C2257AEE00475CB9?OpenDocument)

    Also: Cyprus, Ministry of Health (2013), Mental Health Services 2012 Annual Report *(2012. Διεύθυνση Υπηρεσιών Ψυχικής Υγείας)*, Nicosia, available at: [www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57\_gr/page57\_gr?OpenDocument](http://www.moh.gov.cy/moh/moh.nsf/page57_gr/page57_gr?OpenDocument). [↑](#footnote-ref-19)
20. There have been cases (at least 3 cases in 2007-2008) when minors were admitted to the Psychiatric Hospital and this caused the intervention of the Commissioner for Children’s Rights. The latter recommended that the Ministry of Health takes the appropriate measures for the creation of appropriate institutions for the psychiatric hospitalization of minors. The Commissioner came back with another intervention in 2012: Cyprus, Commissioner for Children’s Rights, Public Intervention of the Commissioner towards the Minister of Health regarding the hospitalisation of adolescents in the Athalassa Hospital, 25/07/2012 *(Δημόσια Παρέμβαση Επιτρόπου προς Υπουργό Υγείας αναφορικά με τη νοσηλεία εφήβων στο νοσοκομείο Αθαλάσσας)*, Nicosia, available at: [www.childcom.org.cy/ccr/ccr.nsf/All/91A1469320B018F0C2257A47003DC99A?Opendocument](http://www.childcom.org.cy/ccr/ccr.nsf/All/91A1469320B018F0C2257A47003DC99A?Opendocument)

    Finally in November 2012 the Institutional Unit for Minors with psychiatric – socio-psychiatric problems started operating in Makarios III Hospital. [↑](#footnote-ref-20)
21. In all references that refer to Annual Reports, they cover the whole year concerned. In many cases they copy a large part from previous years’ reports (especially the parts concerning the mission, activities, strategy and policies) and then they only add if there’s something new or changed regarding the activities (e.g. creation of new department). [↑](#footnote-ref-21)
22. Desk research, administrative data, field research (combination of qualitative and quantitative research, questionnaires (At the first phase the questionnaires designed only included closed-ended questions and done through quantitative research. The objective at this phase was to gather information about the capacity of the organisations which deal with social care and other relevant stakeholders, their problems and difficulties in managing their programmes, their geographical scope and their contribution to social care. This mapping was done at a wide scale, covering all the relevant structures who deal with vulnerable groups with a target of 400-450 organised groups.

    At the second phase there were semi-structured interviews, targeted to persons receiving support/care by the organisations. The objective at this phase was to gather data on the current situation and the problems that these people were phasing, the level of satisfaction towards the services provided to them by the organisations, whether there was a holistic approach of their daily needs. The subjects were chosen in order to cover a wide geographic and age range, as well as the different services provided. A total of 50 interviews were conducted (10 in each city). [↑](#footnote-ref-22)
23. During the first phase of the research primary and secondary data was compiled around the institutional and legal framework of the Cypriot public social welfare schemes, national and regional measures to combat poverty and social inclusion in Cyprus, involvement of social partners, NGOs and voluntary groups, institutional effects of cash allowances schemes on the integration possibilities of beneficiaries. At the second phase a questionnaire was designed and utilised as an instrument of the study on the dependency on public benefits in Cyprus, with the aim to identify and highlight the particularities of the relevant public policies, good practices and deficiencies which should be taken into account when designing the new policies of the Ministry of Labour and Social Insurance. [↑](#footnote-ref-23)
24. The research was done among 30 young people between the ages of 20 and 36 years (average 27 years) between the period of July and September 2009. During that time 23 of the interviewees were living with their families, 4 in structures of supported living and 3 in large closed-residence institutions. All the interviewees were persons with mild to moderate mental disabilities. [↑](#footnote-ref-24)
25. Cyprus, Decree on minimum income and generally on Social Provision (Special Needs and Care Needs) [*Διάταγμα περί Ελάχιστου Εγγυημένου Εισοδήματος και γενικότερα περί Κοινωνικών Παροχών (Έκτακτες Ανάγκες και Ανάγκες Φροντίδας)*], issued under the Law on the minimum guaranteed income and generally on social provisions of 2014 *(Ο Περί Ελάχιστου Εγγυημένου Εισοδήματος και Γενικότερα περί Κοινωνικών Παροχών Νόμος του 2014)* Ν. 109(Ι)/2014. Available at [www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2014\_1\_109/full.html](http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2014_1_109/full.html). [↑](#footnote-ref-25)
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27. Letter from a representative of the Social Welfare Services of Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, 27 April 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-27)
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33. Letter from a representative of the Social Welfare Services of Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, 27 April 2015. [↑](#footnote-ref-33)
34. Cyprus, Decree on minimum income and generally on Social Provision (Special Needs and Care Needs) [*Διάταγμα περί Ελάχιστου Εγγυημένου Εισοδήματος και γενικότερα περί Κοινωνικών Παροχών (Έκτακτες Ανάγκες και Ανάγκες Φροντίδας)*], issued under the Law on the minimum guaranteed income and generally on social provisions of 2014 *(Ο Περί Ελάχιστου Εγγυημένου Εισοδήματος και Γενικότερα περί Κοινωνικών Παροχών Νόμος του 2014)* Ν. 109(Ι)/2014. Available at :<http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/non-ind/2014_1_109/full.html>. [↑](#footnote-ref-34)
35. Cyprus, Law on Children (Ο Περί Παιδιών Νόμος) Cap. 352, Article 3. Available at [www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/ind/0\_352/section-scda6424af-0277-4a20-ae62-5aae6638cf16.html](http://www.cylaw.org/nomoi/enop/ind/0_352/section-scda6424af-0277-4a20-ae62-5aae6638cf16.html). [↑](#footnote-ref-35)