Mapping Paper

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

**Country: Denmark**

**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** |
| Social housing (Almen bolig) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children,  Adults,  Older people | Mixed, Impairment group not specified, |  | Local authority/ municipality/ county | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Treatment facility (Behandlingstilbud) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children,  Adults,  Older people | Mixed, impairment group not specified |  | Mixed | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Group home (Bofællesskab) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children,  Adults,  Older people | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Local authority/ municipality/ county | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Residential institution (Døgninstitution) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children,  Adults,  Older people | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Mixed | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Own room (Eget værelse) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100 | Children,  Adults,  Older people | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Mixed | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Reception centre/shelter (Forsorgshjem/herberg) | 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Adults,  Older people | Intellectual disability, Mental health problem, Impairment group not specified |  | Mixed |  |  | Over 50 years |
| Refuge house (Krisecenter) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100 | Children,  Adults,  Older people | Mental health problem, Impairment group not specified |  | Mixed |  |  | Over 50 years |
| Long-term accommodation facility for adults (Længerevarende botilbud til voksne) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children, Adults,  Older people | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Mixed | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Temporary accommodation facility for adults (Midlertidige botilbud til voksne) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children, Adults,  Older people | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Mixed | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Network foster families (Netværksplejefamilie)) | 1-5 | Children | Impairment group not specified |  | Unknown |  |  | Unknown |
| Assisted living accommodation (Plejebolig) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Adults,  Older people | Mixed, older people |  | Local authority/municipality/county | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Foster family (Plejefamilie) | 1-5, 6-10 | Children,  Adults | Intellectual disability, Mental health problem, Impairment group not specified |  | Unknown,  Local authority/municipality/county | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Unknown |
| Nursing home (Plejehjem) | 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Adults,  Older people | Mixed, older people |  | Mixed | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Rehabilitation centre (Rehabiliteringstilbud) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children, Adults,  Older people | Mixed |  | Local authority/municipality/county | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Secure accommodation facility (Sikret botilbud) | 1-5, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Adults,  Older people | Mixed |  | Local authority/municipality/county | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | Over 50 years |
| Secure residential institution (Sikret døgninstitution) | 6-10, 11-30 | Children, adults | Mixed |  | Local authority/municipality/county | Regional/local/ municipal/ country authority |  | 10-50 years |
| Ship project (Skibsprojekt) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30 | Children, adults | Mixed |  | Mainly independent |  |  | 10-50 years |
| Socio-educational continuation school (Socialpædagogisk efterskoletilbud) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100, over 100 places | Children, adults | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Mainly independent |  |  | Over 50 years |
| Socio-educational boarding school (Socialpædagogisk kostskoletilbud) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100 | Children, adults | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Mainly independent |  |  | Over 50 years |
| Socio-educational accommodation facilities (Socialpædagogisk opholdssted) | 1-5, 6-10, 11-30, 31-100 | Children, Adults,  Older people | Mixed, Impairment group not specified |  | Mainly independent |  |  | Over 50 years |
| Psychiatric hospitals (Psykiatrisk hospital) |  | Children, Adults,  Older people | Mental health problem |  | Local authority/municipality/county, private |  |  |  |
| Psychiatric wards in general hospitals (Psykiatrisk sengeafdeling på almindeligt hospital) |  | Children, Adults,  Older people | Mental health problem |  | Local authority/municipality/county |  |  |  |
| Forensic psychiatric ward (Retspsykiatrisk sengeafdeling) |  | Adults,  Older people | Mental health problem |  | Local authority/municipality/county |  |  |  |
| Psychiatric detentional department  (Sikringsafdeling) |  | Adults,  Older people | Mental health problem |  | Local authority/municipality/county |  |  |  |

**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** |
| E-mail correspondence with the National Board of Social Services (Socialstyrelsen) on 18 July 2014. | The National Board of Social Services (Socialstyrelsen)  Government department | 2013 | 2013 | Reports from all institutions organized under the National Board of Social Services (Socialstyrelsen) | National | Accommodation for people with disabilities and older people.  The data collection does not include psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric wards in general hospitals, since this is not organized under the National Board of Social Services (Socialstyrelsen), but under the Danish Health and Medicines Authority (Sundhedsstyrelsen). |
| E-mail correspondance with SSI (Statens Serum Institut)  From 29 August 2014 to 10 September 2014 | SSI (Statens Serum Institut)  Government department |  | 2013 |  | National | The data collection includes psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric wards in general hospitals. |

**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* |
| **“Kontant tilskud”/Subsidies in cash** | Yes[[1]](#footnote-1) | * Age group: adults and older persons. * All types of impairments. | * Service provides different types and levels of support depending on the need of the user. * Available across the country. * Available to adults and older persons with disabilities. * The direct payments are provided by the municipality. | * When the municipal council cannot offer the necessary care, help or support for practical tasks in the home and meal services to persons with disabilities, the council can instead choose to pay a subsidy. This allows the user to engage help independently and to freely choose the provider. * For persons in need of 20 hours of help or less pr. week, the council will decide whether to provide the necessary help or to pay a subsidy in cash. * If the impairment is permanent and severe and support is needed for more than 20 hours per week, the user him-/herself can choose to receive a subsidy to engage help independently and to freely choose the provider. | All local councils operate subsidies in cash. |
| **“Borgerstyret personlig assistance” (BPA) / citizen-controlled personal assistance** | Yes[[2]](#footnote-2) | * Age group: adults and older persons. * Provided to persons with all type of impairments, but it must be a significant and permanent physical or mental impairment. | * The service is provided up to 24 hours depending on the needs of the user. * Available across the country. * Available to adults and older persons with disabilities. * The subsidies are provided by the municipality.   BPA targets citizens who have an extensive need for care, supervision, escort or practical assistance. It is directed at citizens with more massive and complex needs than citizens with needs that can be covered by ordinary practical and personal assistance, such as home help.  For persons entitled to BPA who are largely dependent on personal assistance to live an independent life, it is seen as a prerequisite that the helpers are present most of the day. Persons receiving ordinary personal help and care do normally not have the same extensive need for care as persons entitled to BPA. | * The service is provided as subsidies to cover costs of employment of assistants for care, supervision and accompaniment. * The user freely employs assistants. * It is a condition that the user is able to act as supervisor for the assistants. * The user can choose to act as employer or agree to pass on the task to a relative, an organisation or a private company. | All local councils operate personal assistance/BPA |
| **“Botilbud” / Self-sufficient housing solution** | Yes**[[3]](#footnote-3)** | * Typically used by adults and older persons with disabilities. * All types of impairments. | * Available across the country. * Available to adults and older persons with disabilities. * The service is provided by the municipality or the region. | * The user applies for housing and the municipality/region will offer a housing solution. * The user will be able to acquire information about available facilities at the Social Services Gateway | All local councils operate housing solutions. |
| **“Personlig hjælp og omsorg” / Personal help and care** | Yes[[4]](#footnote-4) | * Age group: children, adults and older persons. * All types of impairments. | * The service is provided at all hours depending on the needs of the user and includes personal care, assistance or support for necessary practical activities in the home and meals services.      * Service provides different types and levels of support depending on the needs of the citizen. * Available across the country. * Available to adults and older persons with temporary or permanent impairment of physical or mental function or special social problems. * The service is provided or funded by the municipality. | * The municipal council must process the requests for help by carrying out an individual assessment of the need for help and must consider all requests for assistance. * The assistance must continuously be adapted to the needs of the user. This assessment is carried out in dialogue with the user. * The user can choose between two or more suppliers of help, where one supplier can be the municipality. | All local councils operate personal help and care. |
| **“Aktivitets- og samværstilbud” / Social activities** | Yes[[5]](#footnote-5) | * Age group: adults and older persons. * All types of impairments. | * Available across the country * Available to persons with substantial physical or mental impairment or specific social problems. * The service is typically offered during the weekdays. * The service is provided either by the municipality or the region. | * The activity can be utilised either on the basis of an individual assessment or as an open offer without a prior assessment. | All local councils operate social activities. |
| **“Afløsning og aflastning” / Relief and respite care** | Yes[[6]](#footnote-6) | * Age group: children, adults and older persons. * All types of impairments. | * Available across the country. * Available to spouses, parents or other close relatives caring for a person with a physical or mental impairment. * The municipality provides the service. |  | All local councils operate relief and respite care. |
| **“Plejefamilie” / Foster care** | Yes[[7]](#footnote-7) | * Age group: children. * All types of impairments. | * Available across the country. * The service provides residential accommodation or a respite care arrangement. * Available to children. * The provider/organiser is the municipality. | * It is the municipality that examines and makes a decision on placement of a child or young person in foster care. * The decision is made with the consent of the custodial parent. * The municipal council must identify the needs of the child when making an assessment. | All local councils operate foster care. |
| **Informal support**  (help provided by another person close to the user - family members, relatives and friends - without any official forms of support) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **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) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Circles of support**  (informal group of people close to the user to whom she/he can turn for support) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **“Rådgivning”/ Counselling** | Yes[[8]](#footnote-8) | * Age group: children, adults and older persons. * All types of impairments. | * Available across the country. * The municipality is the service provider and must offer free examination and counselling. | * The municipal council must establish a family counselling scheme designed specifically for families with children under the age of 18 years with considerable and permanent impairments. | All local councils operate counselling. |
| **Befriending**  (service provided by trained volunteers to help overcome isolation and enable full involvement in the community and social life) |  |  |  |  |  |
| **“Ledsagelse”/ Attendance** | Yes[[9]](#footnote-9) | * Age group: children and adults. * All types of impairments. | * Attendance can be granted up to 15 hours per week. * The service is available across the country. * The service is offered to persons whose freedom of movement is impeded due to substantial and permanent impairment of physical or mental function. * The municipality is the provider of the service. | * Persons entitled to attendance can designate a person for that purpose. Such designation shall be subject to approval by the municipal council, and the person designated will be employed by the municipal council. However, persons with very close ties to the person entitled to attendance will not normally be employed. * The municipal council may decide to offer to pay a person entitled to attendance, a subsidy in cash for an attendant to be engaged by the recipient. The recipient is free to decide whether to accept the offer. | All local councils operate attendance |
| **“Støtte til bil”/ Subsidies for cars** | Yes[[10]](#footnote-10) | * Age group: Adults. * All types of impairments. | * The service is available across the country. * The service is offered to persons whose freedom of movement is impeded due to substantial and permanent impairment of physical or mental function. * The municipality is the provider of the service. | * The municipal council can grant subsidies for the purchase of cars for persons with permanent physical or mental impairments. * In quite exceptional circumstances, an interest-free and non-amortising loan may be granted to cover the difference between the subsidy granted and the acquisition price. | All local councils give subsidies for cars. |

1. The legal basis is found in The Danish Act on Social Services, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015, section 95 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015, § 95*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/forms/r0710.aspx?id=167849#Kap14](https://www.retsinformation.dk/forms/r0710.aspx?id=167849#Kap14). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The legal basis is found in The Danish Act on Social Services, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015, section 96 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015, § 96*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/forms/r0710.aspx?id=167849#Kap14](https://www.retsinformation.dk/forms/r0710.aspx?id=167849#Kap14). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Denmark, Act on Social Services, sections 81 (4), 107-108, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849) and Denmark, the Act on Social Housing, section 105, Consolidated act no. 1023 of 21 August 2013 (*Bekendtgørelse af lov om Almene Boliger mv., nr. 1023 ad 21. august 2013*), available in Danish at: [www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/r0710.aspx?id=151792](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/r0710.aspx?id=151792). [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Denmark, Act on Social Services, section 83, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Denmark, Act on Social Services, sections 103-105, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Denmark, Act on Social Services, section 84 , Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849). [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Denmark, Act on Social Services, sections 66-66a, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849). [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Denmark, Act on Social Services, sections 10-14, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849). [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Denmark, Act on Social Services, sections 45 and 97, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849). [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. Denmark, Act on Social Services, section 114, Consolidated act no. 150 of 16 February 2015 (*Lov om Social Service, lovbekendtgørelse nr. 150 af 16. februar 2015*), available in Danish at:[www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849](https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=167849). [↑](#footnote-ref-10)