



St. Michael's House
Services for people with intellectual disabilities

Marrsfield

Independent Respite Project



Introductions



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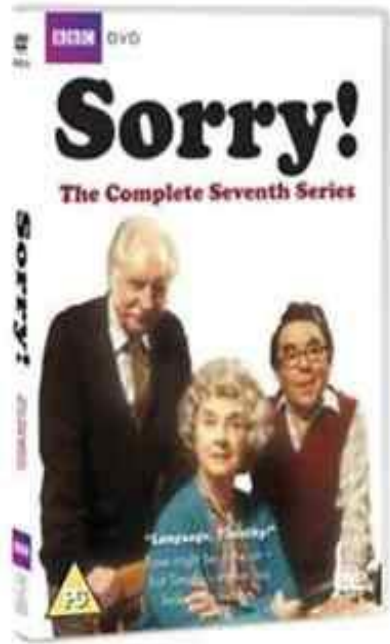


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Participant in
Marrsfield Project

Do you remember ?



What is the Marrsfield Project

- ▶ Provides independent respite to service users in the community
- ▶ Provides a social opportunity and develops independence skills
- ▶ Low staff support model
- ▶ Families are the point of contact

Background To The Project

- ▶ Complaint
- ▶ Acknowledgement
- ▶ Proposal submitted
- ▶ Project progressed

Progression

- ▶ 8 people originally identified
- ▶ Discussion with individuals and their families
- ▶ Linked with Community Support team
- ▶ An open morning was held in the apartment

Progression

- ▶ An individual functional Assessment was completed
- ▶ Individual training programmes developed
- ▶ Initially individuals spent time in the apartment during the day, gradually progressing to overnights.

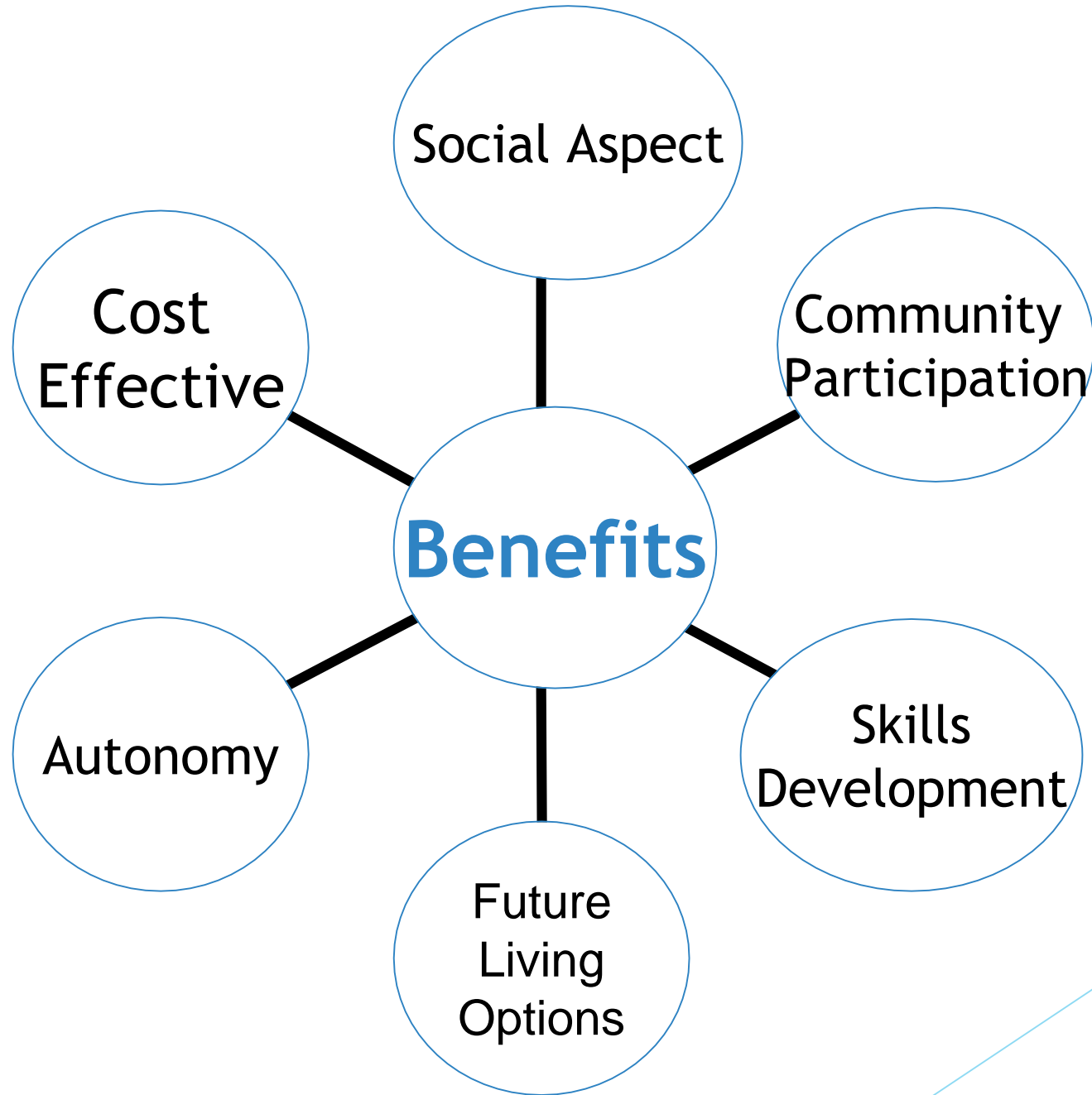
Expansion

- ▶ Level of interest in project increased
- ▶ In May 2013 Genio funding Sourced to extend Project
- ▶ This funding covered staff costs
- ▶ A second property identified to meet demand
- ▶ Currently 26 participants and ongoing demand to participate

Eamonn's experience

My story...





Promoting Creativity

- ▶ Promotes Choice
- ▶ Individual plans
- ▶ Targeted skill development
- ▶ Creating confidence
- ▶ Opportunity to trial living independently

Quality of life measures

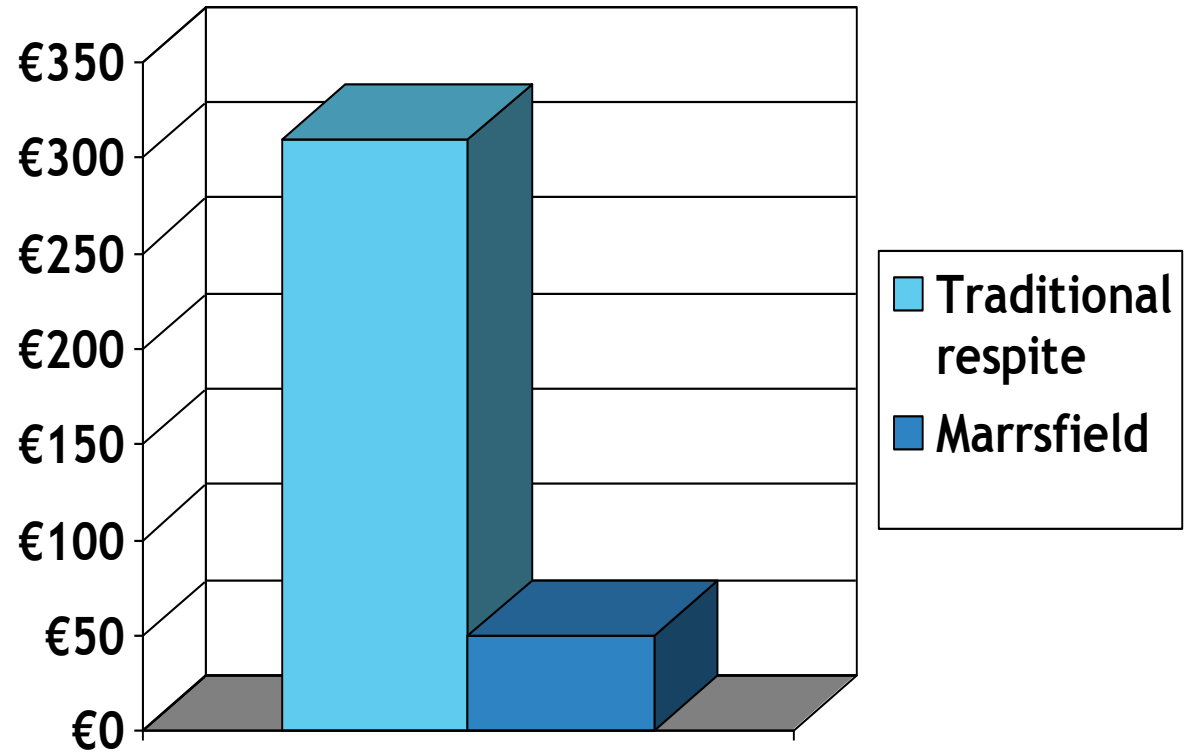
(Keith 2001)

- ▶ Personal development
- ▶ Self - determination
- ▶ Emotional Wellbeing
- ▶ Rights

Supporting Legislation

- ▶ UN Convention on the rights of people with disabilities
- ▶ Value for Money Report (2012)
- ▶ National Housing Strategy (2011)

Financial costs



Learning from the project

- Commitment from families essential
- Ongoing communication with families is required
- Goals for participants vary
- Participants compatibility

Learning from the project

- Co-ordination of tasks underestimated
- Staff require protected time
- Difficulty identifying future living options

Participants and family members share their experiences



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Thank you

