

Muscular Dystrophy Ireland (MDI) **(<https://www.activelink.ie/node/402>)**

Muscular Dystrophy Ireland's objectives are to provide support to persons affected by muscular dystrophy and their families through a range of support services and to fund medical research into muscular dystrophy.

Muscular Dystrophy Ireland (MDI) has a membership of about five hundred individuals and families spread throughout Ireland. It has an active branch network in Dublin, Cork, Galway, Dundalk and the South East and the Midlands. Muscular Dystrophy Ireland employs nine staff directly and also participates in a number of FÁS funded schemes.

Muscular Dystrophy Ireland provides support to persons affected by muscular dystrophy and their families through a range of services e.g. counselling, freephone, family support service, respite care, holidays, youth activities, information, independent living and training opportunities.

Muscular Dystrophy Ireland's policy is formulated by the National Council of the Society which meets quarterly. That policy and the day-to-day management of the organisation is carried out by the Director, in conjunction with it's Executive Committee.

The organisation is concerned with all neuromuscular conditions including the spinal muscular atrophies, hereditary and idiopathic peripheral neuropathies, such as Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, disorders of the neuromuscular functions such as Myasthenia Gravis and with various myotonic disorders and myopathies.

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