

RESIDENT FORUMS

in centres for people with disabilities
in 2021

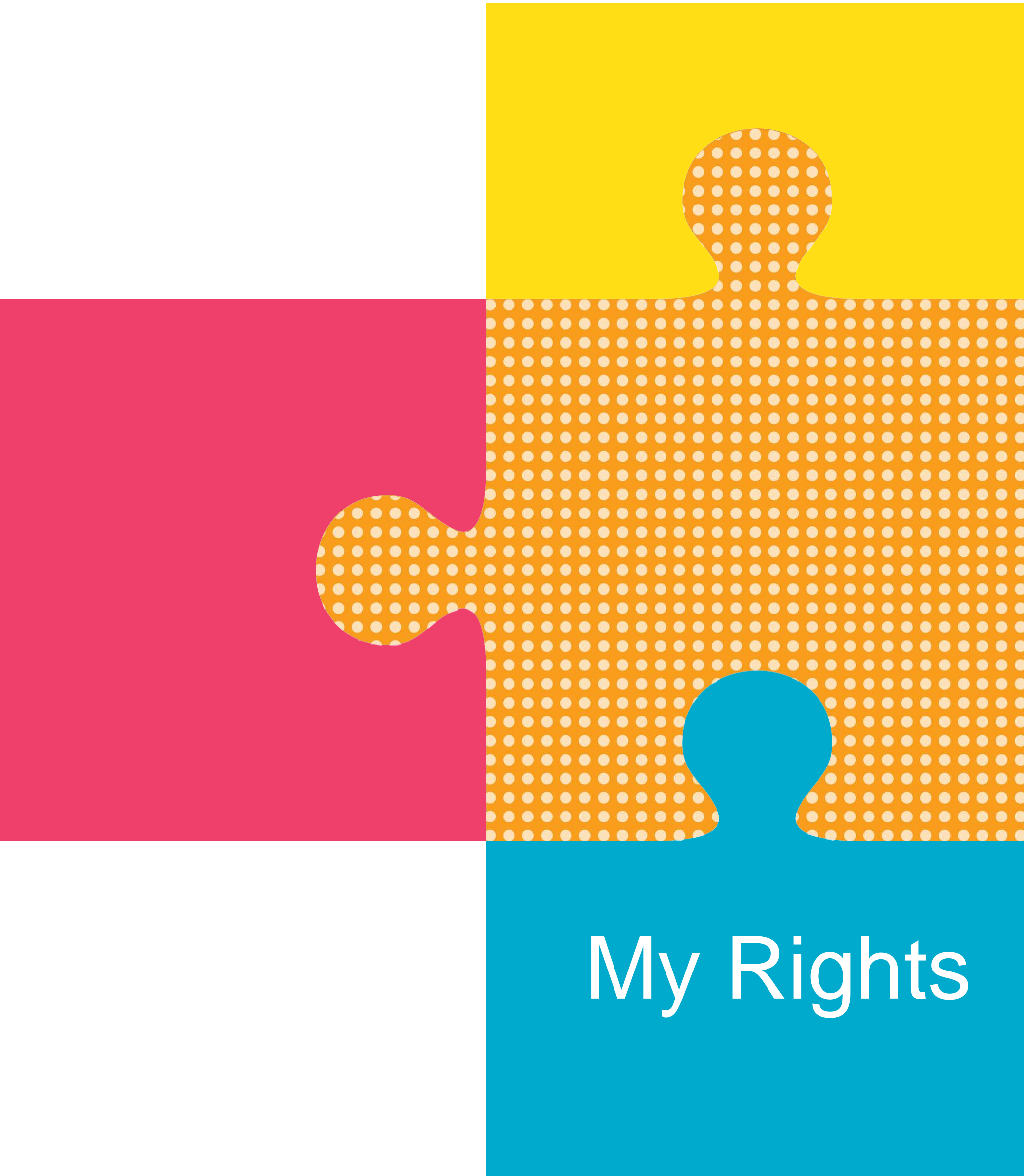


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agus Cáilíocht Sláinte

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About

In 2021, HIQA met with 80 people in 22 resident forums across Ireland to hear about their experiences of living in residential services for people with disabilities.

We asked them about their rights — whether they knew their rights and whether their rights were respected, and what rights mattered most to them.

This is what they told us about their rights.

Residents have the right to

Privacy

Be safe

Be involved in
making
decisions

Be respected

See what is
written down
about them



What do your rights mean to you?

“We have the same rights as everybody else.”

“That I am listened to, respected and treated equally.”

“Having your independence.”

Do you know your rights?

“We talk about rights at meetings. I do find it good. I know my rights.”



Right to access personal information

“I look at my folders. Has things like behave, diet, and health.”

“I don't look at them at all. I have two folders, one red and one blue.”

Being involved in decision-making

“I make my own decisions.”



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“I do my own laundry.”

“We go through choices about who will do the shopping.”

“The staff are very good help...and the staff help me to make decisions.”

Being involved in decision-making

“I don’t feel I get to make decisions... I have no control over my life.”

However, not all residents said their rights were respected, particularly when it came to having choice and making decisions.

Find out more about the day-to-day lives of people living in designated centres for people with disabilities in our report on Resident Forums in Centres for People with Disabilities 2021 at www.hiqa.ie.