



ORAL HEALTH

The importance of oral health for people with intellectual disabilities.

IDS TILDA Research is informing us about the importance of oral health for people with intellectual disabilities as they age in Ireland.

x2

If an older person has an intellectual disability they are X2 as likely to be edentulous

x12

When an older person loses all their teeth they are x12 less likely to have a complete denture if they have an intellectual disability



Background:

The population is ageing and so too are people with ID. There is a need to study how they age so as we can design and assess policy and practice.



73%

had some teeth

19%

had no teeth or dentures

8%

had no teeth and wore complete dentures

x3

Soft/Liquidised diet

x3

Difficulty eating

x2

Constipation

x1/2

Overweight / Obesity

Those with no teeth or dentures

Compared to those with a natural dentition:



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