

Commissioning and Procurement: impacts on Irish civil society advocacy and service delivery.

Presenting the initial research findings from a scoping research exercise to examine the impacts of commissioning and procurement on Irish civil society advocacy and service delivery

Using qualitative methodology the research examined four social sectors - domestic violence, housing first, public employment services and community development to scope the impact of marketization in social sectors previously funded through public grants.

It explores whether more openly competitive funding processes reduce collegiality and collaboration amongst civil society organisations, how commissioning and procurement impacts on staff and services users and alternatives ways to support the work of civil society organisations.

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