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Community  
Outreach Officer



Support at every stage

Ireland's only dedicated support  
service for people living with  
spinal cord injury

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## Who we are

A not for profit agency, our sole aim is to provide support to people with spinal cord injuries and their families at every stage of their experience.

## What is a Community Outreach Officer?

SII has 6 Community Outreach Officers in 6 different areas of the country available to all people with spinal cord injury in Ireland. Our job is to meet you one to one in your home, or in a place of your choosing. We are here to support you at every stage of your experience.

## We can:

- Provide or source information for you.
- Link you with other services that you want to access.
- Work with you to maximise your independence and quality of life.
- Help you overcome barriers in your life.
- Connect you to others with similar circumstances.
- Support you through our active support/ goal setting programme.
- Provide information/ support to your family members.

**Active Support is:** 'The encouragement of individuals to maintain and maximise abilities, potential and independence'.

*By using active support, we can work with you to identify and set long term goals. Together we can break down your long term goals into achievable steps. These steps become your short and medium goals.*

## Quotes

“ The support of SII means so much to me because I feel like they really care about the needs of their members. They are always there to provide assistance, support and guidance through home visits or the regional meetings. It felt good to link in with an organisation like SII after my injury.”

“My daughter has got her carers allowance and I have retained my medical card on appeal with the support of my Community Outreach Officer. This eased my stress enormously”

“The support of SII means so much to me because without SII I wouldn't have been able to settle into my new home, get a new job and very importantly sustain a healthy eating lifestyle around my new found busy schedule.”

“My Community Outreach Officer sees the best in me and has pushed me to get my dream of buying a van and getting out more”

“The support of my Community Outreach Officer has given me a new lease of life and has helped me in so many ways. It's hard to describe and put in words. I would be lost without the support and help I have received from her.”

“Thank you from the bottom of my heart.”

“My Community Outreach Officer has helped me realise my abilities of going back to college and is helping me to realise my dreams of achieving a BA”