

## Project Independence Try Before You Buy (TBYB) Period

The first 12 months of a Resident's time at PI is called the Try Before You Buy (TBYB) period. The TBYB policy ensures that the Resident will have ample opportunity to decide whether a PI house is the right accommodation option for them, and for PI to ensure that the Resident can live without excessive support and in harmony with other residents in the house. LIRC support during this period is focused on transition into the household/community and the identification of required skills development.

Regular reviews are conducted during the TBYB period to ensure that the resident is content at PI and getting the support they need. Reviews focus on the development of the following skills and capacities:

- **Life skills** – an ability to look after themselves and undertake activities of daily living, either independently or with good external support in place.
- **Social skills** – the ability to live in harmony with others and regulate their emotions and behaviours.
- **Management of own physical and mental health** – an ability to live in a state of stable physical and mental wellbeing without unreasonable intervention from PI.
- **Contribution to the PI household** - residents are expected to contribute to the PI household by undertaking tasks and responsibilities related to living in the PI community.

PI recognizes that all individuals are unique, and the journey towards independence will be different for every resident. However, it is important to determine if a resident has the ability to live independently and is supported by their family/carers to do so.

Should either the Resident or PI decide that PI residency is not the right option for the individual, the resident will receive a full refund of their deposit should they leave within the TBYB period.