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Dear Deputy Broughan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ 23801/15

To ask the Minister for Health the number of clients accessing services for adults with intellectual disabilities in 2015; if there are waiting lists for these services and, if so, the number of persons on these waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The information below has been supplied by the Health Research Board and is taken from the the National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD). The NIDD was established in 1995 to ensure that information is available to enable the Department of Health, the Health Service Executive and the non statutory agencies in Ireland to provide appropriate services designed to meet the changing needs of people with intellectual disability and their families. The database is intended to provide a comprehensive and accurate information base for decision making in relation to planning, funding and management of services for people with an intellectual disability including individuals with autism. The database is managed by the Health Research Board (HRB) on behalf of the Department of Health.

Please note that participation in the NIDD is voluntary; the Database does not, therefore, cover a proportion of people living in Ireland who have an intellectual disability and who have opted not to be registered on the database.

The data below pertains to the number of people registered on the NIDD in 2013, who require services in the next five years. The figures for 2014 have not yet been published by the HRB. It should be noted that the database does not record the numbers placed on waiting lists per se, however it reports on future service requirements which are based on need as reported by the individual/family/key worker. As such the following figures may be used as an indication of service need.

People with Intellectual Disability – taken from NIDD

A total of 27,318 people with intellectual disability, representing 98.7% of the total population registered on the NIDD, were in receipt of services. This was the highest number of people in receipt of services since the database was established in 1995. The following services will be needed in the period 2014–2018:
Day services or activities (including home support)
- 190 people require a new day services i.e. they are currently without a day service and require one. This represents a decrease of 7 on the projected number required in 2012.
- 9,968 day places will require changes or enhancements.

Residential services
- 2,215 full-time who are without residential placements a require one in the next five years (most need is immediate). This represents a decrease of 56 on the projected number required in 2012.
- 2,548 residential places will require changes or enhancements e.g. a person in a residential centre who requires a move to a community group home setting.

Respite Services
- 2,043 residential support services for the first time. This represents a decrease of 11 on the projected number required in 2012.
- 1,674 residential support places will require changes or enhancements—generally increased hours of support.

Yours sincerely,

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