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PQ 46906/18

To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential care places available for adults with an intellectual disability in County Wexford.

PQ 46907/18

To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential respite beds for adults with intellectual disability available in County Wexford

PQ 46909/18

To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential care places available for children with an intellectual disability in County Wexford

PQ 46910/18

To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential respite beds for children with intellectual disability available in County Wexford.

PQ 46911/18

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for residential care for children with an intellectual disability in County Wexford.

Dear Deputy Wallace

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following composite response outlines the current position.

Number of Residential Places Adults with ID Wex.	146
Number of Residential Respite Places Adults with ID Wex.	17
Number of residential care places available for children with an ID Wex.	The HSE endeavour to maintain children in their own home for as long as possible. There are many supports offered to families to enable this which includes, home support, centre based support, home respite and residential respite. If residential services are required the HSE explores options with Section 38 and 39 agencies and private providers to offer the most suitable residential care to meet their needs. Currently there are 3 children in such places in Co. Wexford
Number of residential respite beds for children with ID Wex	11
Waiting list for residential care for children with an intellectual disability Wex	None

The provision of residential and respite services has come under further pressure in recent years. There is an increase in the number of persons (children and adults) that are seeking access to these services. In addition there are increasing levels of “changing needs” among existing service users who require increased supports. The need for increased residential facilities is acknowledged and the HSE continues to work with agencies to explore various options to respond to this need in line with resources available.

At all times the service providers and the HSE are balancing the needs of multiple service users and aiming to meet the needs of the maximum number of service users, within available finite resources.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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