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Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

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 15971/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of work work-like activity services ID autism and physical and sensory disability to date in 2019, by CHO area in tabular form.

PQ 15972/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of rehabilitation training to date in 2019 by CHO area in tabular form.

PQ 15973/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in receipt of other day services excluding rehabilitation training and work/work-like activities adult ID/autism and physical and sensory disability to date in 2019 by CHO area in tabular form.

HSE Response

Rehabilitative Training Services

The Health Service Executive (HSE) either provides, or funds non statutory agencies to provide day services and Rehabilitative Training services for people with disabilities.

Rehabilitative Training (RT) provides foundation level personal, social and work-related skills to participants to enable them to progress to greater levels of independence and integration. The table below provides details of the number of people in receipt of RT in February 2019.

Please note RT places are managed at CHO level and are often reallocated/moved within the CHO to meet demand. They include all ages and disabilities including Mental Health. People attend RT across LHO's and CHO's and some locations in the Dublin area have a national remit.

CHO Area	Number of Persons Availing of RT
1	216
2	218
3	220
4	390
5	283
6	181
7	254
8	174
9	302
Total	2,238

Work or work like Activities services

The table below provides details of the number of people in receipt of Work/Like Work Activity at end of 2018. Please note Work/like Work Activity has discontinued in CHO 2 and is reducing in all areas in line with the recommendations in New Directions). However, all areas are not updating the data base in a timely manner. The figures hereunder are at a point in time.

CHO Area	Number of Persons Availing of Work/Like Work Activity
1	177
2	1
3	415
4	769
5	447
6	113
7	189
8	212
9	41
Total	2,364

Day Services

Day Services are a key component of support services that enable clients to live within the community. Currently day services are transitioning to a new approach outlined in the policy *New Directions*. This policy is underpinned by the values of Person Centredness, Community Inclusion, Active Citizenship and Quality.

This new approach outlines that all the supports available in communities will be mobilised so that people have the widest possible choices and options about how they live their lives and how they spend their time. It places a premium on making sure that being part of one's local community is a real option. It recognises that people with severe and profound disabilities may need specialised support throughout their lives. The guiding principle for the future is that supports will be tailored to individual need and will be flexible, responsive and person-centred. The policy clarifies the role of the HSE in regard to work and employment and promotes mainstream inclusion in education, vocational training and employment and all community services where this is a real option for participants.

It is difficult to provide accurate data regarding the number of people availing of all other day services not including RT and work activities as there are many people that avail of both other day services and work like activities. However, it is estimated that there are approx. 18,000 people availing of other day services including work and work activities. The majority of people that are engaged in other day services that include work activities are usually involved in the work element of the programme for less than six hours per week.

Part of the disability work plan for 2019 will focus on the compilation of more accurate data for people in receipt of day service supports.

Yours sincerely,



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