



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive

**Oifig an Cheannaire Oibríochtaí,**  
Na Seirbhísí Míchumais/An Rannán Cúram Sóisialta,  
31-33 Sráid Chaitríona, Luimneach.

**Office of the Head of Operations,**  
Disability Services/Community Operations,  
31-33 Catherine Street, Limerick.

T: 00353 (0) 61 483369

Suíomh Gréasáin/Website: <http://www.hse.ie>

23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019

Deputy Louise O'Reilly,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House, Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.  
e-mail: [louise.oreilly@oireachtas.ie](mailto:louise.oreilly@oireachtas.ie)

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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

**PQ 51937/19**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of day respite care sessions provided to date in 2019; and the way in which this compares with 2018 by CHO and LHO in tabular form.*

**PQ 51938/19**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of overnight respite care sessions provided to date in 2019; and the way in which this compares with 2018 by CHO and LHO in tabular form.*

**HSE Response.**

The HSE and its funded Agencies provide respite care to children and adults with disabilities. Respite can occur in a variety of settings for various lengths of time, depending on the needs of the individual service user, the family and according to available resources. Respite is not always centre-based and can be provided in a number of ways, e.g. Centre based; In-Home; Home-to-Home; Family Support, etc. As a vital part of the continuum of services for families, respite potentially helps prevent out-of-home full-time residential placements, preserves the family unit, and supports family stability with the service users at the centre.

The HSE is very much aware of the importance of respite service provision for the families of both children and adults with disabilities, including the impact the absence of respite service provision can have on other services.

Please see Tables below which outline the number of overnight respite hours and day only sessions accessed by children and adults with a disability to end of September 2019 and the same period for 2018.

**No. of overnights (with or without day respite) accessed  
by people with a disability**

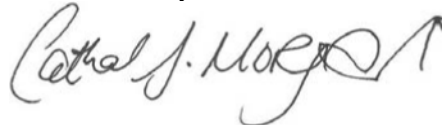
	To End Quarter 3, 2019	To End Quarter 3, 2018
<b>National Total</b>	<b>121,339</b>	<b>120,092</b>
CHO 1	4,562	6,982
CHO 2	27,389	28,841
CHO 3	11,094	10,765
CHO 4	16,264	17,139
CHO 5	9,050	8,561
CHO 6	9,063	7,590
CHO 7	17,468	14,374
CHO 8	14,124	13,262
CHO 9	12,325	12,578

**No of day only respite sessions accessed by people  
with a disability**

	To End Quarter 3, 2019	To End Quarter 3, 2018
<b>National Total</b>	<b>26,924</b>	<b>26,009</b>
CHO 1	5,458	3,302
CHO 2	4,743	4,587
CHO 3	4,726	3,841
CHO 4	2,263	2,017
CHO 5	2,215	1,220
CHO 6	2,248	2,226
CHO 7	2,205	4,896
CHO 8	844	843
CHO 9	2,222	3,077

The need for increased respite facilities is acknowledged and the HSE continues to work with agencies to explore various ways of responding to this need. In accordance with the National Service Plan 2020, the HSE will provide 33,712 day only respite sessions and 166,183 nights (with or without day respite) to people with disabilities in 2020. In addition, the HSE will provide 144 intensive transitional support packages for children and young people with complex / high support needs, which will include planned residential respite interventions and access to planned extended day / weekend and summer day based activities.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr. Cathal Morgan,  
Head of Operations - Disability Services,  
Community Operations**