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Dear Deputy Scanlon,

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 52591/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of facilities providing a seven day respite service for adults and children in each CHO.

HSE Response

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. Models of respite can be Centre based; In-Home; Home-to-Home and 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.

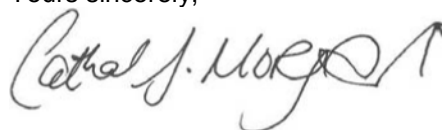
Allocation of respite hours is based on the individual's needs and circumstances. HSE Service Managers work with service users and their families as well as the Service Providers of respite services to ensure the provision of a client focused service, establish priority need and ensure best practice and maximization of funding and other resources.

In relation to the number of facilities providing a seven day respite service for adults and children in each CHO area, the HSE undertook an audit in 2014 to identify the number of centres providing Respite Care. Although this information is not up to date and does not differentiate between 5 & 7 day provision, the table below outlines the position as of 2014 in regard to the number of facilities and the maximum number of placements identified, broken down by LHO area. Please note that some of these facilities would cater for children from LHO areas outside of the geographic location of the Centre, while others, such as Cuisle Holiday Centre in Roscommon would have a national remit. Please also note that in some facilities the number of places available was not specified.

Local Health Area	Respite Services Dedicated to Adults		Respite Services Dedicated to Children		Respite Services for both Children & Adults		Residential Respite Services for Both Children & Adults	
	No. of Facilities	No. of Places	No. of Facilities	No. of Places	No. of Facilities	No. of Places	No. of Facilities	No. of Places
South and South West Dublin	6	37	6	50+	4	24	2	6
Kildare/West Wicklow	9	51			1	15		
Laos/Offaly	3	53	2	35	1	unspecified		
Longford/Westmeath			2	21	3	26		
Wicklow	3	44	5	33				
DML Total	21	185	15	136+	9	65	2	5
Cavan/Monaghan	1	3			1	6		
North and North West Dublin	6	42	4	55	5	41		
Louth	3	12			1	8		
Meath	2	10	3	34	1	7		
DNE Total	12	67	7	89	8	62	0	0
Carlow/Kilkenny	6	29	3	24+				
Cork/Kerry	12	62	4	23	2	7	5	73
Tipperary S.R	1	4	2	5+				
Waterford	3	13			1	6		
Wexford	2	10	1	4	1	3		
South Total	24	118	10	56+	4	16	5	73
Clare	2	40	3	28				
Donegal	3	5	1	6	7	38		
Galway	7	62	2	9	3	27	1	3
Limerick	4	24	3	18			1	6
Mayo	5	101	2	23	1	20		
Roscommon	4	19	1	6	1	unspecified		
Sligo/Leitrim	2	5+	1	9	2	10	1	2
Tipperary N.R	3	9	2	17				
West Total	30	265+	15	116	14	95+	3	11
National Total	87	635+	47	400+	35	238+	10	90

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,



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