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‘To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite weeks provided in each of the past three years for CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter’.

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

I refer to PQ 29926/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 4th July 2019 and due for response on 23rd July 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning ‘the number of respite weeks provided in each of the past three years for CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter’. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Respite care involves the provision of alternative family or residential care for an individual in order to enable the carer to get a rest, take a short break.

In relation to Disability Services data concerning respite provision over the last 3 years please be advised that the data being requested in PQ 29926/19 is not available in the format requested, i.e., in the number of respite weeks provided in each of the past 3 years across CHO 2. However, this information is collected via Key Performance Indicator (KPI) templates as set out in the tables below.

In this regard please find detailed the respite data that is available from the Disability Services CHO 2 in respect of adults in **County Mayo for 2016 to 2018 inclusive.**

Year	No. of adults with ID and or Autism in receipt of respite services	No. of respite overnights provided for adults with ID/Autism	No. of day only respite sessions provided for adults with ID/Autism
2016	169	7018	1054
2017	172	6589	1225
2018	170	6107	821

Please note that the decrease in overnights provided from 2016 to 2018 is primarily due to the non-availability of respite in Aras Attracta. Some of the clients that availed of respite in Aras Attracta were provided with alternative respite in nursing homes etc. but this data would not form part of the national KPI templates.

Please find detailed below the respite data available from the Disability Services in respect of people in **Galway city and county who availed of respite from 2016 to 2018 inclusive.**

Year	No. of people with an ID/Autism in receipt of respite services	No. of respite overnights provided for people with an ID/Autism	No. of day only respite sessions provided for people with an ID/Autism
2016	344	1349	128
2017	386	1426	136
2018	318	1335	120

The respite data available in respect of adults in **County Roscommon for 2016 to 2018 inclusive** is outlined in the following table: -

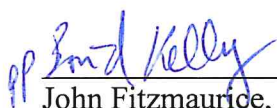
Year	No. of people with an ID/Autism in receipt of respite services	No. of respite overnights provided for people with an ID/Autism	No. of day only respite sessions provided for people with an ID/Autism
2016	69	2,942	813
2017	62	3,062	1,021
2018	65	2,506	514

Please note if your query is not answered by the KPI Disability Services data in respect of CHO 2 as set out in the above tables could you kindly provide us with some additional information with regard to whether you are seeking information in regard to centre based respite, whether you are looking for how many weeks per year centre-based respite services are open, or whether you are looking for information on how many children or adults receive 5 or 7 day blocks of respite.

In relation to CHO 2 Older People Services the number of respite weeks provided in each of the past three years by CHO2's Community Nursing Units is as follows - in County Galway 510 weeks of respite was provided in 2016; 610 weeks in 2017 and 524 weeks in 2018. In relation to County Roscommon 792 weeks of respite was provided across its Older People Units in the years 2016-2018 inclusive, while 1,104 weeks of respite was provided in County Mayo Community Nursing Units in the years 2016 – 2018. Please be advised that where long term or rehab beds in HSE Community Nursing Units were vacant additional respite was provided by the individual Units at that time.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,



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