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Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

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 24883/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds nationally by CHO; if they are for adults or children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health the provision of respite services nationally; if they are run directly by the HSE or by section 39 companies, charity services and or NGOs; and if he will make a statement on the matter

HSE Response

The HSE National Service Plan 2019 provides for a significant level of funding, at circa €1.9 billion, to deliver essential frontline services for people with a disability. These core services span a spectrum of essential interventions ranging from Clinical Therapeutic Supports, Rehabilitative Training / Day Services, Home Care Supports as well as Respite and Residential provision.

The HSE works in partnership with organisations including Section 38, Section 39 and For Profit organisations to ensure the best level of service possible is provided to people with a disability, and their families, within the available resources. The majority of specialised disability provision (80%) is delivered through non-statutory sector service providers.

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. 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.

The HSE is very much aware of the importance of respite service provision for the families of both children and adults with disabilities and the impact the absence of respite service provision can have on other services being delivered. The HSE acknowledges the role and contribution of non-statutory agencies in the development and provision of health and personal social services and is committed to the development of effective working relationships as enacted by the Health Act 2004. The HSE has established a Governance Framework to cover funding relationships with all Non Statutory Agencies. The framework was introduced in order to implement the legislative provisions of the Health Act, 2004 and to reflect the requirements for public accountability whereby the HSE is legally obliged to account for all public expenditure on health and personal social services.

Respite Provision:

Respite data is gathered quarterly, 1 month in arrears. This data is gathered as follows:

- Number of overnights (with or without day respite) accessed by people with a disability.
- Number of day only respite sessions accessed by people with a disability
- Number of people with a disability in receipt of respite services (ID/Autism and Physical and Sensory Disability).

There is no distinction made in the gathered data between children and adults.

The table below outlines the number of overnight respite hours and day only respite sessions accessed by children and adults with a disability in Q1 2019. The table also gives information on the number of children and adults with a disability in receipt of respite services (ID/Autism and Physical and Sensory Disability).

		No. of overnights (with or without day respite) accessed by people with a disability	No of day only respite sessions accessed by people with a disability	No of people with a disability in receipt of respite services (ID/Autism and Physical and Sensory Disability)
		Q1 2019	Q1 2019	Q1 2019
National Total		39,176	8,550	6,112
CHO 1	Total	1,499	1,585	415
CHO 1	Cavan Monaghan	470	336	112
CHO 1	Donegal	741	148	234
CHO 1	Sligo Leitrim	288	1,101	69
CHO 2	Total	9,257	1,435	774
CHO 2	Galway	6,171	979	423
CHO 2	Mayo	1,892	373	204
CHO 2	Roscommon	1,194	83	147
CHO 3	Total	3,802	1,772	601
CHO 3	Clare*	1,080	774	151
CHO 3	Limerick	595	604	140
CHO 3	North Tipperary East Limerick	2,127	394	310
CHO 4	Total	4,728	624	738
CHO 4	Kerry	846	168	92
CHO 4	North Cork	762	3	93
CHO 4	North Lee	1,573	123	293
CHO 4	South Lee	554	162	114
CHO 4	West Cork	993	168	146
CHO 5	Total	2,854	623	673
CHO 5	Carlow Kilkenny	376	279	144

CHO 5	South Tipperary	604	143	137
CHO 5	Waterford	1,007	134	203
CHO 5	Wexford	867	67	189
CHO 6	Total	2,879	837	366
CHO 6	Dublin South East	0	0	0
CHO 6	Dun Laoghaire	942	666	153
CHO 6	Wicklow	1,937	171	213
CHO 7	Total	4,857	561	722
CHO 7	Dublin South City	1,007	0	220
CHO 7	Dublin South West	893	213	106
CHO 7	Dublin West	1,763	0	184
CHO 7	Kildare West Wicklow	1,194	348	212
CHO 8	Total	4,716	316	957
CHO 8	Laois Offaly	967	27	256
CHO 8	Longford Westmeath	1,073	151	176
CHO 8	Louth	1,384	33	299
CHO 8	Meath	1,292	105	226
CHO 9	Total	4,584	797	866
CHO 9	Dublin North	1,919	36	297
CHO 9	Dublin North Central	1,367	601	339
CHO 9	Dublin North West	1,298	160	230

In relation to the number of respite beds available nationally, the HSE undertook an audit in 2014 to identify the number of centres providing Respite Care. The table below outlines 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 were 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		
Laois/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.

Targeted actions to improve supply

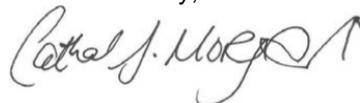
In 2018, the Minister for Health announced an additional €10 million for the HSE, specifically to enhance respite care in the disability sector. In accordance with the National Service Plan for 2018, the HSE committed to providing:

- An additional respite house in each of the nine CHO areas which will support 450 individuals in a full year and 251 in 2018 (€5m).
- Three additional respite houses in the greater Dublin areas (CHOs 7, 8 and 9) to support a further 225 individuals in a full year and 143 in 2018 (€3m).
- Alternative models of respite to support 250 individuals with disability (€2m).

The funding provided for the equivalent of 12 new houses, 1 in each CHO, and 3 in the Greater Dublin area. Twelve new or additional centre-based respite centres have opened to date, resulting in an additional 6,455 bed nights delivered to 763 people.

Community-Based, alternative respite projects, including Summer Camps, evening and Saturday clubs, also took place in 2018, delivering 15,144 'in home' Respite Hours, to 400 users and 1,296 Saturday/Evening/Holiday Club 'sessions' to 1,500 people. The HSE is fully committed to maintaining the same level of service this year as in 2018. The programme to deliver on the €10 million additional funding will continue in 2019 and remains a high priority for the HSE.

Yours sincerely,



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