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Leinster House,
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PQ 25961/19

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite hours provided for children with an intellectual disability in Galway city and county in each of the years from 2008 to 2018 in tabular form and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to PQ 25961/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 20th June 2019 and due for response on 4th July 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of respite hours provided for children with an intellectual disability in Galway city and county in each of the years from 2008 to 2018 in tabular form 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.

I wish to advise you that in 2008 to 2014 the National Key Performance Indicator (KPIs) data collected in respect of respite was categorized as follows:-

- (a) The number of bed nights in residential centre based respite services used by children with an intellectual disability and or autism.
- (b) The number of children with an intellectual disability and or autism benefiting from residential based respite services.

In this regard, the table below details the children’s respite provided from 2008 to 2014 inclusive. Please note the significant drop in bed nights from 2011 is primarily a reflection of the change from residential centre based respite model to a home sharing model of respite.

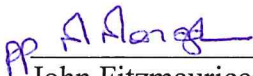
Year	No. of bed nights in residential centre based respite services	No. of children benefiting from residential based respite services.
2014	293	51
2013	176	65
2012	689	72
2011	799	80
2010	3908	88
2009	3341	78
2008	4047	76

The Key Performance Indicator templates were amended nationally in 2015 changing the data that is collected in respect of respite services. In this regard, detailed below is the respite data available in respect of children in Galway city and county for 2015 to 2018 inclusive.

Year	No. of children with an ID/Autism in receipt of respite services	No. of respite overnights provided for children with an ID/Autism	No. of day only respite sessions provided for children with an ID/Autism
2018	122	353	112
2017	119	366	163
2016	110	377	85
2015	202	417	174

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

Yours sincerely,



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