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PQ 25962/19

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite hours provided for adolescents with an intellectual disability in Galway city and county in each of the years from 2008 to 2018 in tabular form”.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

I refer to PQ 25962 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 adolescents with an intellectual disability in Galway city and county in each of the years from 2008 to 2018 in tabular form”. 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 respite data collected for individuals with an intellectual disability does not have a separate category for adolescent respite on the national Key Performance Indicator (KPI) I.T. Metadata System. Adolescent respite is included with the children’s respite figures and I wish to draw your attention to response issued to PQ 25961/19 wherein that information was contained in tabular format as outlined in the table below.

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.

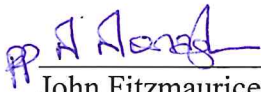
| Year | No. of bed nights in residential centre based respite services | No. of children benefiting from residential based respite services. |
|------|--|---|
| 2014 | 293 | 51 |
| 2013 | 176 | 65 |
| 2012 | 689 | 72 |
| 2011 | 799 | 80 |
| 2010 | 3908 | 88 |
| 2009 | 3341 | 78 |
| 2008 | 4047 | 76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

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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