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Mr. Shane Cassells T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question – 26116/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for residential care for adults with an intellectual disability in County Westmeath in each of the years 2008 to 2018, in tabular form

-Shane Cassells

Dear Deputy Cassells,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I can confirm that the number of persons on the waiting list for residential care for adults with an intellectual disability in County Westmeath is currently 22.

In 2017, the introduction of a disability supports application management tool ensured that there is a consistent approach to the management of emergency residential supports. While adoption of this tool ensures that individual needs are prioritised and aligned to future emergency placements, these are unfortunately contingent on funding being available to establish such placements. At this time there is no additional funding available to secure residential placements for those on the waiting list for residential services.

Please note that this list includes all those requesting emergency residential places and also those who have been identified as requiring a residential place in the future.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,


Pat Bennett
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