

9th July 2019

Deputy Jonathan O'Brien,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ 26237/19

To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with intellectual disabilities in residential care in County Cork

Dear Deputy O'Brien,

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

I refer to PQ 26237 and wish to advise that our Q1 figures for 2019 showed that there were 1100 people in a residential placement within Cork Kerry Community Healthcare. To split this figure in terms of Cork and Kerry geographically would require a further piece of work because a number of our service providers deliver residential services across the region as a whole.

In the context of these figures, it is important to note that approximately 70% of these placements are within congregated settings, which are closed to admissions.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare continues to receive a large volume of applications for funding of supports on an on-going basis. The known level of need currently exceeds the funding available, hence, every application is considered in the context of the limited resources available, the large volume of emergency cases availing of our services and the complexities of the cases being addressed at present.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare has established a Residential Placement Committee since April 2017 and this committee has representatives from Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and voluntary organisations. At a meeting of the Residential Services Placement Management Committee earlier this year, all service providers were requested to submit their priority cases for populating onto the DSAMT system. This work is being done in order to gain a greater understanding of the level of need that exists. This information will be used to plan collaboratively with the service providers for the future.

A sub-group of this committee has been established, with a primary focus on planning for the future in respect of both residential and respite services. This group will solely focus on reviewing existing services and the level of need in order to use this information to plan locally for the future. The process of establishing the sub-group to work on a Multi Annual Plan for Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is well underway. While funding is not available at this time to implement this plan, this

work will ensure that Cork Kerry Community Healthcare are prepared to respond to any additional funding that becomes available in 2019 and subsequent years.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



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