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Deputy Holly Cairns T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ 12661/20:

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults with disabilities residing in nursing settings in Cork city and county between January 2016 and May 2020, by age in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Cairns,

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.

The Nursing Homes Support Scheme provides financial support to people who need long-term nursing home care. Generally clients residing in nursing homes are over the age of 65. However, there are situations where clients require long term care prior to the age of 65. There are a number of reasons for this including the early onset of age related diseases such as Dementia.

People with intellectual disabilities are generally only admitted to nursing homes under the Nursing Home Support Scheme where their needs are more appropriately met within such settings and this is rare.

The incidence of physical and sensory disabilities increases with age and therefore many older people may have comorbidities. To identify the numbers of residents of public and private nursing homes with a disability would require each nursing home to access the medical records of all clients who were admitted to nursing homes between 2016 and 2020 to respond to your question. This would be a manual exercise as such information is not recorded electronically or in a standard format in older people’s services. Furthermore, to do so would require the explicit consent of each individual patient to process their sensitive personal data per GDPR legislation. Therefore, it is not possible to provide the information requested.



Should there be any more specific information which you require or should you wish to discuss what information we may be able to provide to assist you, please do not hesitate to contact my office and we will endeavour to provide what assistance we can

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Gabrielle O'Keeffe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Gabrielle O'Keeffe
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