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**PQ 10617/21**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in County Mayo awaiting a HSE funded residential placement; and the waiting times for same.; and if he will make a statement on the matter”**

Dear Deputy Tobin

I refer to PQ 10617/21 uploaded on the PAD System on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and due for response on the 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning ‘the number of persons with a disability in County Mayo awaiting a HSE funded residential placement; and the waiting times for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter’. I wish to apologise for the late response to PQ 10617/21. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I have been in contact with the Disability Services Manager for Mayo who has informed me that currently there are 37 individuals with disabilities on an emergency waiting list for a fulltime residential placement.

The list is reviewed and prioritised on a regularly basis. In Disability Services, full time residential placements are allocated on the basis of need rather than on waiting times as circumstances can change such as the incapacity or death of a main carer etc.

Unfortunately, the demand for full time residential placements within Disability Services far exceeds the funding received. As part of the HSE National Operational Plan 2021, Community Healthcare West has received funding for four additional planned residential places.

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

Yours sincerely

*pp Maura Monaghan*

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