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

Dear Deputy Ryan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your Parliamentary question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Kildare West Wicklow have 91 clients with complex needs who, over the past number of years, have applied for and are awaiting funded residential placements.

In the absence of funded residential services it is very difficult to calculate when a client will receive a residential placement. A very small number of funded placements may become available annually through our Section 38 and Section 39 providers however currently there are no vacant funded residential placements.

In the interim, Dublin South, Kildare West Wicklow Community Healthcare disability staff work within available resources, in conjunction with families and service providers, to develop individual support plans on a service user basis to meet service users specific needs as far as possible. In general, plans utilise a mix of multi-disciplinary supports including structured day services, overnight respite services and in home supports. All of the clients awaiting residential services are maintained in their current living arrangements with a mix of these services.

May I take this opportunity to re-iterate that we in Dublin South, Kildare West Wicklow Community Healthcare will continue to advocate for full time residential placements for our clients.

I trust the above information is of use to you and if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

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