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Dear Deputy Moynihan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary questions, which were submitted to this department for response.

PQ 12395/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability as of 31 December 2020 by local health office area in tabular form.

PQ 12410/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability as of 1 March 2021, by local health office in tabular form.

PQ 12394/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided as of 1 March 2021 or the latest date available by CHO in tabular form

HSE Response

Residential services make up the largest part of the Disability funding disbursed by the HSE – over 60% of the total budget of €2 billion in 2020.

Approximately 90 service providers provide residential services to over 8,000 individuals throughout the country. The bulk of these are provided by the 50 highest funded agencies (comprising both Section 38 & Section 39 organisations) – some 6,300 places, or 75%. The HSE itself provides 1,300 or 16% of the places.

In 2020, the following detail set out, at a high level specific to Residential services, the service activity levels that were due to be delivered commensurate with this substantial state investment, prior to the onset of the COVID-19 public health emergency:

- Provide in excess of 8,000 residential places
- Provide an additional 56 new emergency residential placements
- Provide eight appropriate residential places for people currently living in respite care as an emergency response to their needs, while also freeing up the vacated respite accommodation for future use

- Provide 144 intensive transitional support packages for children and young people with complex / high support needs focusing on families experiencing substantial levels of support need, but who do not require a high cost long term placement. Specifically, this new development initiative is the pre-crisis intervention stage and will include planned residential respite interventions as well as other interventions.

The table below shows the number of residential places available at end of January 2021, broken down by CHO Area. This is the latest data available.

CHO Area	Residential Places Available January 2021
CHO 1	707
CHO 2	847
CHO 3	817
CHO 4	1,072
CHO 5	907
CHO 6	567
CHO 7	1,106
CHO 8	880
CHO 9	1,212
Grand Total	8,115

Emergency Placements

The table below shows the number of new emergency residential placements provided to end of December 2020, broken down by CHO Area.

CHO Area	New Residential Placements	Covid Related	Total
1	2	0	2
2	6	1	7
3	7	7	14
4	3	1	4
5	7	9	16
6	2	0	2
7	12	0	12
8	11	4	15
9	2	12	14
Total	52	34	86

In accordance with NSP 2020, Disability Services committed to developing 64 new emergency residential placements and 144 intensive transitional support packages for children and young people with complex/high support needs focusing on families experiencing substantial levels of support need, but who do not require a high-cost long term placement. At end of December 2020, a total of 86 new emergency places were developed across the 9 CHOs and a further 857 intensive home support packages were put in place.

In accordance with NSP 2021, Disability Services committed to developing 44 new emergency residential placements in 2021 - At end of January 2021 (latest data available), 3 new emergency residential places were developed.

The HSE and Service Providers recognise the critical need and importance of disability supports for people and their families. The impact of COVID-19 on people's lives has and continues to be very significant. Our

collective aim is to restore services in a safe way and in line with the very significant investment made by the State and funded agencies and we will continue to work with service users and their families/carers to ensure that we achieve this aim.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathal J. Morgan', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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