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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 48477/21**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided as of 30 September or the latest date available; and if he will provide a breakdown by CHO area of same in tabular form.*

**PQ 48478/21**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability as of 30 September 2021; and if he will provide a breakdown by local health office area of same 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 €2.2 billion in 2021.

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 the 2021 National Service Plan, the HSE has been allocated €5.5 million to develop 44 emergency residential places and €6 million to develop 358 additional intensive respite support packages to children and young adults.

In addition, the HSE has been allocated €5.5 million to develop 36 planned residential placements; €3 million to provide an additional 18 residential places for under 65's currently residing in Nursing Home settings; and €5.2 million to implement the joint HSE and Tusla interagency protocol, prioritising in 2021 co-funding the placement of 33 children and supporting the move of a number of young adults from Tusla to adult disability services. This will also include a further 4 in year Transitions from Tusla to HSE adult residential services.

In respect of high cost residential placements, as a dedicated improvement programme to respond to high cost residential placements, the HSE established the 'National Placements Oversight & Review Team'. Phase 1 of this programme involved an independent clinical review of existing high cost placements and which is now complete. HSE is now developing the next phase of the programme to coincide with reform of the sector more generally and forthcoming publication of the Capacity review report.



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

CHO Area	Residential Places Available September 2021
CHO 1	697
CHO 2	857
CHO 3	826
CHO 4	1,059
CHO 5	908
CHO 6	540
CHO 7	1,113
CHO 8	888
CHO 9	1,210
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,098</b>

### Emergency Placements

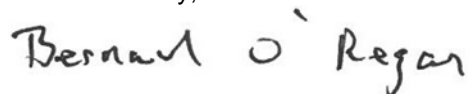
The table below shows the number of new emergency residential placements provided to end of September 2021, broken down by CHO Area.

CHO Area	New Residential Placements	Covid Related	Total
1	1	1	2
2	4		4
3	6	3	9
4	7	2	9
5	10	1	11
6	4		4
7	4	4	8
8	8	2	10
9	5	2	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>64</b>

In accordance with NSP 2021, Disability Services committed to developing 44 new emergency residential placements in 2021 - At end of September 2021 (latest data available), 64 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,



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