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PQ 47325/21

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite hours provided for children with an intellectual disability in Galway city and county in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to-date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Connolly,

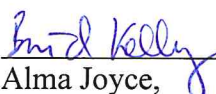
I refer to PQ 47325/21 uploaded on the PAD System on 28th September 2021 and due for response on 12th October 2021 regarding representations made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of respite hours provided for children with an intellectual disability in Galway city and county in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to-date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. I wish to apologise for the late response to PQ 47325/21. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that HSE Community Healthcare West does not collect data on respite hours provided for children with an intellectual disability in the format requested. However please see below, in tabular form, the data that is collated by Community Healthcare West in respect of respite provided to children with ID and/or autism in Galway city and county in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to-date in 2021. Please note data for Quarter 3 2021 is currently not available for inclusion in below table.

Respite provided to children with Intellectual Disability (ID) and / or autism							
Detail of respite service provided to children in Galway city and county with ID and/or autism	Year 2015	Year 2016	Year 2017	Year 2018	Year 2019	Year 2020	Q1+Q2 - 2021
No. of existing people with ID and or autism in receipt of respite services - Child	1008	508	498	509	461	382	181
No. of overnights (with or without day respite) accessed by people with ID and / or autism - Child	5334	5318	4962	4541	4591	3225	1816
No. of day only respite sessions accessed by people with ID and / or autism - Child	2668	1842	1967	2045	2354	1854	730

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

Yours sincerely,


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