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Dear Deputy Tully,

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

PQ: 20472/

To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to develop an integrated national day services database as contained within the HSE Service Plan 2022; the timeframe for this system to be developed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ: 20474/22

To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated each year to develop the National Ability Supports System as contained within the HSE Service Plan 2022, in tabular form; the timeframe for this system to be developed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The National Ability Support System (NASS)

The National Ability Support System (NASS) began collecting data in September 2019 following several years of development and consultation with the Health Service Executive (HSE), Department of Health (DoH) and disability service providers. NASS replaces two disability databases - the National Intellectual Disability Database (NIDD) and the National Physical and Sensory Disability Database (NPSDD). The NIDD and NPSDD were decommissioned in January 2018.

NASS is a national database that records information about disability-funded services that are received or required as a result of an intellectual disability, developmental delay, physical, sensory, neurological, learning, autism spectrum, speech/language disability arising from disease, disorder or trauma.

The purpose of NASS is to gather information to aid the planning, development and organisation of disability-funded services. A person is eligible to be registered on NASS if they receive or require (in the next 5 years) a disability-funded service.



The National Ability Support System (NASS), is a key planning tool in respect of current service provision and future service needs and has formed an important basis for the Department of Health, with HSE support, a Disability Capacity Review (i.e. a multi-annual investment resources needed for Disability going forward).

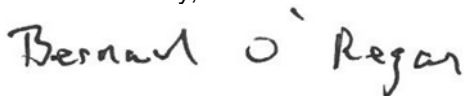
NASS is funded by the Health Research Board.

Integrated national day services database

A contract has now been signed between the HSE and a software vendor, commencing May 2nd, which will include the development of the integrated national day services database. Development, testing, training and rollout of the integrated national day services database will take place from months 11 to 17 of this contract, i.e. March – September 2023.

A budget of €163,221 is assigned for the development and rollout of the integrated national day services database.

Yours Sincerely,



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