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To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places immediately available in CHO5 for 2022; the number of priority one cases waiting for services for the same area; the planned services for the future in CHO5 relative to those already in care and those that are awaiting services and deemed urgent; if any projected costs have been prepared to meet the current and future needs of service providers such as SOS; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGuinness,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

There are currently 17 funded residential places reported as available in the CHO 5 area. In many cases these vacancies require additional funding due to an increase in costs associated with changing needs within the overall services. The majority of these vacancies are suitable for individuals with low support needs.

There are currently 41 Priority 1 cases on the Adult Residential Waiting List across CHO 5. This year the South East is receiving additional funding for 4 planned placements for 6 months increasing to full year cost in 2023.

South East Community Healthcare (SECH) is also receiving €600,000 in 2022 to fund additional respite for children across the region and a procurement campaign will be initiated as necessary.

SECH Disability Services continue to liaise with all Section 38 and 39 Providers in relation to funding requirement levels and a review process has been established this year.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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