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Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

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: 63027/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided by CHO area as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available in tabular form.*

**PQ: 63028/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places that have been provided to persons with a disability by LHO area as of 1 December 2022, 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 €2.3 billion in 2022.

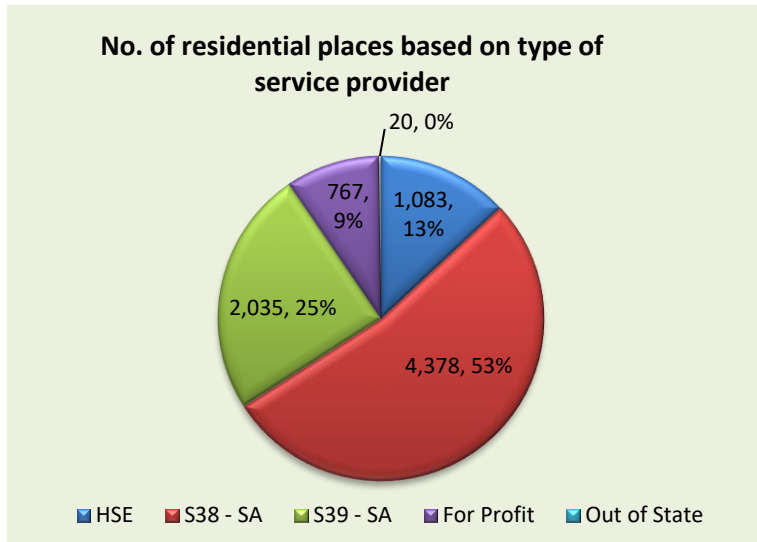
Approximately 90 service providers provide residential services to over 8,000 individuals throughout the country. The bulk of these are provided by the 50 highest funded agencies (comprising both Section 38 & Section 39 organisations) – some 6,413 places, or 78%. The HSE itself provides 1,083 or 13% of the places. While 767 places or 9% are provided by Private-for-Profit agencies.

The HSE developed a Residential Capacity Database to capture the number of residential placements / contract capacity per the service arrangement between the nine CHO area and the service provider agencies. The end of November position indicates that there were 8,283 residential places for people with a disability in November 2022.

A number of new emergency residential places have been added to the residential base, which results in a capacity increase. However, it should also be noted that Residential Capacity will also reduce during the year as a result of the loss of places in congregated settings due to deaths, which cannot be re-utilised. This is in keeping with Government policy, which is to move away from institutionalised settings (i.e. Time to Move On from Congregate Settings) where the State is actively implementing a policy that



will have a bed reduction impact. In addition, “in-year” capacity (bed) levels will also be impacted negatively as a result of regulatory requirements; that is, where an inspection outcome leads to capacity being reduced.



The table below shows the number of residential places available at end of November 2022, broken down by CHO Area. This is the latest data available.

CHO Area	Residential Places Available November 2022
CHO 1	691
CHO 2	896
CHO 3	814
CHO 4	1,107
CHO 5	913
CHO 6	542
CHO 7	1,141
CHO 8	927
CHO 9	1,252
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,283</b>

### Emergency Placements

The table below shows the number of new emergency residential placements provided to end of November 2022, broken down by CHO Area.

CHO Area	New Emergency Residential Placements
1	6
2	15
3	14
4	5

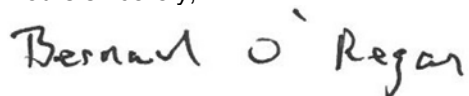


5	13
6	6
7	9
8	13
9	12
<b>Total</b>	93

In accordance with NSP 2022, Disability Services committed to developing 50 new emergency residential placements and 422 in home respite supports for emergency cases; this includes 402 packages put in place in 2021 which have been maintained in 2022, plus 10 new supported living packages and 10 new intensive support packages outlined in NSP 2022. At end of November 2022, 93 new emergency residential places were developed together with 18 new intensive support packages and 16 new supported living packages.

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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