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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 36344/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided as of 1 July 2022 or the latest date available; and if he will provide a breakdown of same by CHO area in tabular form.*

**PQ 36345/22**

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability as of 1 July 2022; and if he will provide a breakdown of same by local health office area in tabular form.*

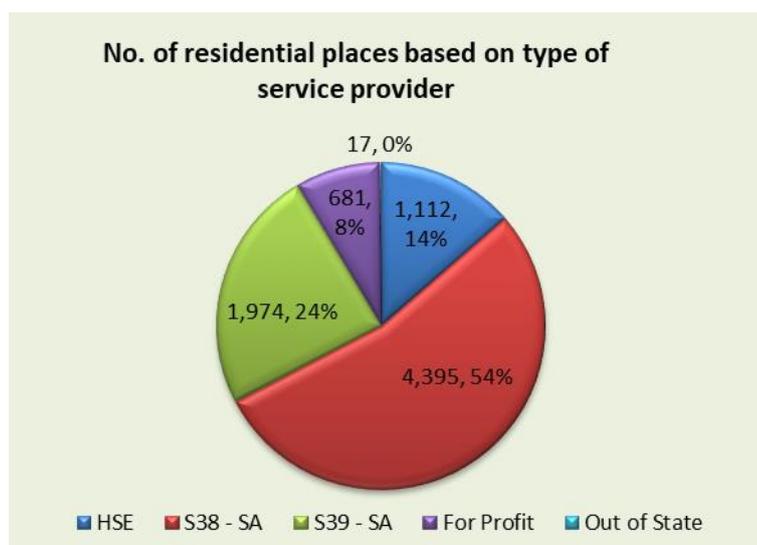
**HSE Response**

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 6,389 places, or 78%. The HSE itself provides 1,112 or 14% of the places. While 681 places or 8% 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 May position indicates that there were 8,178 residential places for people with a disability in May 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.



In accordance with the NSP 2022, the HSE has been allocated funding to provide a range of residential supports creating 106 additional places in response to current and demographic need through investment in 50 places responding to priority needs, 36 planned residential places, 10 supported living places and 10 intensive home support packages to support transitions and discharges from acute services and the National Rehabilitation Hospital. The HSE will also provide 12 residential packages to support young adults ageing out of Tusla services; and commence a demonstration project in Community Healthcare West to develop planned access to residential services.

In addition, the HSE has committed to provide 143 people with a disability living in congregated settings with more person-centred homes in the community and support 63 people with disabilities (<65yrs) inappropriately placed in nursing homes to transition to more appropriate placements in the community.

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

CHO Area	Residential Places Available May 2022
CHO 1	693
CHO 2	874
CHO 3	837
CHO 4	1,069
CHO 5	908
CHO 6	537
CHO 7	1,132
CHO 8	914
CHO 9	1,214
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,178</b>

### Emergency Placements

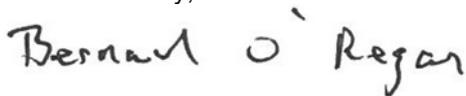
The table below shows the number of new emergency residential placements provided to end of May 2022, broken down by CHO Area.

CHO Area	New Residential Placements
1	1
2	3
3	9
4	2
5	10
6	0
7	5
8	3
9	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>

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 May 2022, 37 new emergency residential places were developed together with 8 new intensive support packages and 5 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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