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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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 37061/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional disability adult day service places which were provided for and funded in Budget 2022; the number of places that are still required to meet the disability capacity review target of 7,400; the cost of same; the wholetime equivalent staffing requirement of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

An amount of €14.4m was allocated in Budget 2022 to meet the day service needs of school leavers and people leaving Rehabilitative Training Programmes that require a HSE funded day service in 2022.

To date 1,843 people have been referred for a day service commencing in September. The support needs of each of those referred has been profiled and negotiations are underway with day service providers to identify the most appropriate placement for each person. The funding received will be required for approx. 1,200 of these referrals, as the remaining number avail of vacancies in the service.

The data referenced is current, however between May and September, there will be further shift in the data as young people firm up on their career options.

In regard to the estimates contained in the capacity review, the increase in numbers will not materialise until young people are getting ready to leave school each year between now and 2032.

Currently funding is provided on an annual basis to meet the needs of those leaving school each year.

The cost of a day placement for school leavers and graduates of rehabilitative training is completely dependent on the needs of each person referred for services.

Each young adult who leaves school or a Rehabilitative Training programme and has a requirement for a HSE funded day service is profiled by the HSE Day Opportunities /Guidance Officers to establish their support needs. Based on the identified support needs, a placement cost is determined.



In 2022, the cost bands range from €14,000 - €55,000 per placement.

There are occasions when in excess of €55,000 is required to meet complex needs. The average cost of a new day placement is €30,000 per placement.

As the young people that are likely to enter day services during the next 10 years are currently receiving primary or secondary school education, it is not possible or appropriate to establish their support needs at this time.

The profiling of needs usually happens in the last year of a young person's educational placement. It is the outcome from the profiling process that informs the funding and staffing complement required.

Yours sincerely,

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Services**