

26<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

Mr. Thomas Gould, TD.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 39198/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the total number of respite hours provided to families in Cork over each of the past 12 months; the total number that has been provided each month since March 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy Gould,

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

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Disability Services gather data from organisations relating to respite in the form of day and overnight respite.

Disability Services does not gather data in the format that you have requested. Please see below table identifying total number of individuals accessing respite in these categories which is collated on a quarterly basis. This data is for the twelve month period up to March 2022.

| Respite type                                    | Number of individuals in receipt of service Q2 2021 | Number of individuals in receipt of service Q3 2021 | Number of individuals in receipt of service Q4 2021 | Number of individuals in receipt of service Q1 2022 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. of overnights (with or without day respite) | 698   | 882   | 591   | 887   |
| No. of day only respite sessions                | 78  | 66  | 117   | 101   |
| Total number of respites sessions               | 776   | 948   | 708   | 988   |

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,



**Ms. Patricia O’Neill,**  
**A/Head of Disability Services, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.**