



1st April 2022

Deputy David Cullinane,
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ 12812/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of beds available and funding in the community by bed type and by publicly owned or contracted beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

-David Cullinane

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

For the purposes of this question, beds are broken down into Mental Health, Disability Services and Older Persons services. Please note in Disability services, the terminology used is “residential places” rather than beds.

Mental Health Services

Public Mental Health beds include both Approved Centre beds (acute in-patient) and Community Residences.

The table below provides information on 24 hour Community residences. There are also additional Medium and Low Support Community Residences at CHO level either directly provided by the HSE or through Housing Agencies. Note the figures for medium and low support residents are not included below.

Table 1: Community residences by CHO

CHO	Number
CHO1	86
CHO2	74
CHO3	87
CHO4	167
CHO5	240
CHO6	43
CHO7	92
CHO8	112
CHO9	192
National Total	1,093

Currently there is no way of splitting out the Mental Health budget for community residences. HSE Mental Health Services spend approximately €60m per year on private placements with external providers.

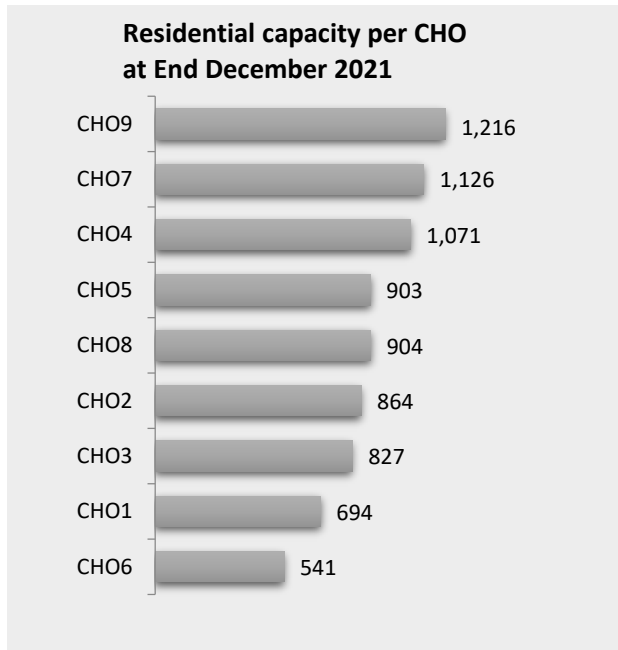
Disability Services

Residential services make up the largest part of the Disability funding disbursed by the HSE – over 60% of the total budget of €2.2 billion in 2021.

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 6,368 places, or 78%. The HSE itself provides 1,120 or 14% of the places. While 642 places or 8% are provided by Private-for-Profit agencies.

Please see below Table 2 which lists the residential capacity per CHO as of the end of December 2021.

Table 2:



Older Persons Services

Please see the below Table 3 which lists the number of beds and funding associated with each type.

It should be noted that this data is only reflective of a certain time and date. At present, Older Persons services are experiencing a number of temporary closures which has impacted the availability of short stay beds. Reasons for these closures include, but are not limited to:

- Staffing shortages;
- IPC Measures;
- HIQA Closures; and
- CNU Programme, resulting in temporary closure of beds while refurbishment works are completed.

Table 3: Number of Older Persons beds and associated funding

	Beds	Funding
	#	€'m
Mount Carmel	93	8.70
Private Contracted Reablement beds	653	54.71

Acutes Private	90	6.60
NHSS Beds	4,657	394.09
Short Stay Beds	1,420	198.08
Transitional Care Beds	533	30.55
IHCP Beds Complex Cases/ Residential	16	3.56
Complex Intensive Packages	12	2.30
Total	7,474	698.59

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,



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