



28th November 2022

Mr. Mattie McGrath TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 56799/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities in South Tipperary who are receiving shared residential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities in South Tipperary who are classed as being in need of shared residential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ 56801/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of new shared residential services that have been developed in the past five years in South Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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

I have reviewed the matters and the following composite response outlines the current position.

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Shared Care Residential Service (HSE funded)

One child accesses a HSE funded shared care residential service.

Full Time Placement (HSE funded)

Two children access full-time HSE funded placements

HSE/TUSLA placement (Jointly funded)

One child accesses a HSE/TUSLA jointly funded service.

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Thirteen families have requested residential services for their children. There are also a cohort of children in the care of TUSLA who will require residential services in the near future.



The provision of residential services has come under further pressure in recent years. South East Community Healthcare is operating within limited resources and there is an increase in the number of persons seeking access to residential services. The need for increased residential facilities is acknowledged and the HSE continues to work with agencies to explore various options to respond to this need in line with resources available. At all times, service providers and the HSE are balancing the needs of multiple service users and aiming to meet the needs of the maximum number of service users, within the available resources.

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The most recent residential service development established in collaboration with the HSE and a private provider to which children in South Tipperary could be referred was in 2017. However, the HSE are planning for a shared care service in South Tipperary in 2023.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anne Ennis', written over a horizontal line.

Ms. Anne Ennis
Head of Service, Disability Service
South East Community Healthcare