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Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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: 48626/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the breakdown of spending announced in 2021 in Budget 2022 for disability services; the amount that was spent out of the full allocation; the areas to which this expenditure went; if any expenditure is being reallocated; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

Each year the HSE participates in the Estimates Process with the Department of Health and makes a submission for additional monies to meet the health and social care needs of the population it services.

The Disability Service makes submissions for additional funding for Day, Residential, Respite, Home Support/PA hours, Multi Disciplinary Posts and Neuro Rehab monies as a key element of its submission. Any new funding secured is allocated to the CHOs to provide services to those with the greatest need (priority basis).

The HSE makes every effort to secure multi-annual investment for services via the Estimates process and is very conscious of the need to deliver disability policy on a more sustainable footing given the significant levels of need for increased and more effective services and supports to enable people with a disability to live independent lives in their own community.

The summary of funding as per National Service Plan across disability services in 2021 is shown in Table 1 below:

Service Provided	final 2021
Residential Places	€1,312,414
Day Services	€543,407
Respite	€87,423
PA & Home support (Hours of Service)	€100,613
Multidisciplinary Support (WTE's)	€108,380
Other Community Services & Supports	€58,664
Total	€2,210,900



In 2022, Disability Services has been allocated c. €2.3 billion to provide a range of services throughout the country and is spent in line with nationally agreed policy for disability services, whilst at the same time endeavouring to maximise value. Services include Residential and Respite Services, Day Services, PA and Home Support Services, and Therapeutic Supports.

The HSE acknowledges that demographic challenges associated with the increase in the number of people living with a disability, the increase in age and life expectancy and the changing needs of people with a disability have all led to the need for increased residential facilities. In this regard, the HSE continues to work with agencies to explore various ways of responding to this need in line with the budget available.

New measures, funding allocated, and target deliverables for 2022 are outlined in the table below. Work is on-going to reach targets in each of these areas.

New Measure	Description	2022 Funding €million	Target deliverable
Progressing Disability Services (Children)	Multi-disciplinary, administration and specialised posts for CDNTs	8.2	190 posts
School leavers / Day Services	An additional 1,700 day service places for school leavers and graduates of rehabilitative training	14.4	1,700
Decongregation	Provide 143 people with a disability living in congregated settings with more person-centred homes in the community	5.0	143
Additional Respite Houses	Establish three additional specialist centre-based services to provide 4,032 nights to 90 children, one to be Prader-Willi appropriate and the other two to provide high-support respite for children and young adults with complex support needs, in addition to seven further respite services which will provide 9,408 nights to 245 children and adults in a full year	7.7	10 houses
Respite Packages	Provide 53 additional intensive respite support packages to children and young adults.	1.3	53.0
Alternative Placements from Nursing Homes (63)	Support 63 people with disabilities (<65yrs) inappropriately placed in nursing homes to transition to more appropriate placements in the community	5.5	63
Residential Placements: Priority Support	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	13.05	50
Residential Places : Planned			36
Residential Places: Supported Living			10
Residential Places: Intensive Support			10
Residential Pilot			
Residential Placements: Tusla Under 18s	12 residential packages to support young adults ageing out of Tusla	3.0	12



	services		
Personal Assistance Hours		3.1	120,000 hours
Home Support Services		0.8	30,000 hours
Capacity Building model (2 year project)		0.3	
Sensory Initiatives		1.0	
Digital Health Initiative 1.3m (reducing residential to accommodate)		1.3	

As stated above, work is on-going to reach targets in each of these areas. Final summary of expenditure in 2022 will not be available until 2023.

Yours Sincerely,

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