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Dear Deputy McDonald,

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: 51279/22

To ask the Minister for Health the Budget 2022 allocations relating to disability services that currently remain unspent in tabular form; if these allocations will be spent by the end of December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

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 services. 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.

The funding allocated to new measures/developments in the National Service Plan 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 services	3.0	12
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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