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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 questions, which were submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 51282/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of new day support services that were delivered each month to date in 2022 to disabled persons in tabular form; the number of people receiving these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ: 51283/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of new day support services to be delivered in 2023 to disabled persons in tabular form; the total number of people who will receive these service hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

New day services for school leavers and those graduating from rehabilitative training programmes commence in September each year.

Since September 1st to date there has been 1,048 new entrants to disability day services. There are a further 466 young people due to commence day services this year and subject to the successful recruitment of staff it is expected that the majority of these young people will commence in service before year end.

Referrals for new disability day services in 2023 commence in the Summer of the year prior to the young person leaving school and continue right through until the following June. The referral process for 2023 is currently underway but it will be late January before there is any accurate data. Planning is usually



based on previous year's experiences and trends in the educational system. It is therefore expected that approx. 1,700 people will apply and be assessed for a day service in 2023 and that approx. 1,400 of these referrals will require a day service.

Yours sincerely

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