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Dear Deputy Shortall,

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 52273/22

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 227 and 228 of 28 September 2022, if he will provide a further breakdown of the full current HSE residential budget for disabled persons, including the number of individuals supported in residences directly funded by the HSE; the current budget for this provision; the number of individuals supported in residences funded through Section 38 and 39 organisations; the current budget for this provision; the number of individuals supported in residences through private providers; and the current budget for this provision, in tabular form.

PQ 52274/22

To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 227 and 228 of 28 September 2022, if he will provide a further breakdown of the full current HSE residential budget for disabled persons, including the number of individuals and amounts of funding provided for residential funding allocated to the 2400 persons living in congregated settings and or group homes; and the amount of residential funding allocated to persons living in community homes of four persons or less, in tabular form.

HSE Response

Residential services make up the largest part of the Disability funding disbursed by the HSE – over 60% of the total budget of €2.3 billion in 2022. The table below provides the total spend (outturn) on Residential Services (HSE provided, Voluntary Organisation provided and Private for Profit provided) for 2021. Overall, approximately 90 service providers provide residential services to over 8,000 individuals throughout the country.

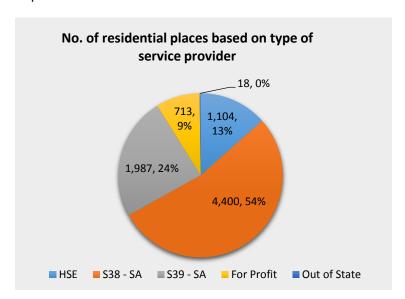
Service area	2021 Funding €000
Residential Places	1,312,414



The bulk of these are provided by the 50 highest funded agencies (comprising both Section 38 & Section 39 organisations) – some 6,387 places, or 78%. The HSE itself provides 1,104 or 13% of the places. While 713 places or 9% are provided by Private-for-Profit agencies.

The total spend (outturn) on Residential Services for 2022 will not be available until 2023, however as mentioned above, it is expected to be approximately 60% of the total budget of €2.3 billion in 2022.

The HSE's Residential Capacity Database allows us to capture the number of residential placements / contract capacity per the service arrangement between the nine CHO area and the service provider agencies. This enables the breakdown of information provided in the pie chart below. The end of September position indicates that there were 8,221 residential places for people with a disability in September 2022.



However, as the majority of Service Providers provide a range of services including residential services, it is not possible to disaggregate the funding for residential services separately.

In that vein, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of funding per type of Service Provide.

Additionally, data is not collated regarding breakdown of funding between congregated settings and smaller community residential centres

Yours sincerely,

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