



24th April 2023

Ms. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 16688/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons within CHO5 awaiting respite services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murnane O'Connor,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

South East Community Healthcare delivers a wide range of disability services including respite to children and adults residing in the South East. As part of this service provision, South East Community Healthcare is committed to ensuring an equitable and fair approach to service delivery in line with budget allocation. This includes the annual delivery of disability services and the planning of services into the future.

Respite may occur in a variety of settings for any length of time, depending on the needs of the individual, their family and available resources. It is not always centre-based and may be provided in number of ways, e.g. Out-of-Home; In-Home; Home Support; seasonal camps, Saturday clubs and Family Support et cetera. This is dependent on client need and services available within current resources. The below table sets out the number of persons within CHO 5 awaiting respite services:

Carlow/Kilkenny

Service Provider	No. of persons awaiting Respite Services
Delta Centre Carlow	53

Wexford

Service Provider	No. of persons awaiting Respite Services
St. Aidan's Services	11
Reachability (CWCW) (Due to deficits in staffing, respite has been closed since October 2022 with a plan to reopen at the end of May 2023 on a three day per week basis).	64
Ard Aoibhinn	7



South Tipperary

Service Provider	No. of persons awaiting Respite Services
Brothers of Charity	47
RK Respite Northfields	46

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 cursive script, appearing to read 'Anne Ennis', written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Ms. Anne Ennis
Head of Service, Disability Service
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