

Leas Stiúrthóir Náisiúnta: Pleanáil Athraithe agus Seachadadh Seirbhísí Míchumais agus Meabhairshláinte

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Deputy Sean Canney, Dail Eireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. E-mail: <u>sean.canney@oireachtas.ie</u>

Dear Deputy Canney,

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: 34275/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for an update on a matter (details supplied).

Details supplied: How many adults with a disability aged 18 are without adult day service and what is the plan to resolve this matter?

HSE Response

869 eighteen year olds are currently engaged in the 2023 National Rehabilitative Training and School Leaver (RT/School Leaver) process. The National RT/School Leaver Group, comprising of HSE and Umbrella Group representatives, oversee this process. All these young people have been referred to the HSE day service teams and negotiation of placements for commencement in September '23 is currently underway.

The young people are kept informed of all progress regarding attaining their preferred placement and the majority of placements have already been confirmed.

In the main, eighteen year olds commence in service the September after they turn eighteen, i.e. after they leave school.

The HSE work with Service Providers and endeavour to ensure that all school leavers referred and requiring a Day Service receive the service within the annual development funding resource available.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Brian J Higgins, Assistant National Director, Change Planning and Delivery, Disability and Mental Health Services

