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Dear Deputy Tully,

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: 27544/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the first- and full-year current costs of transferring 100, 200 and 300 people with disabilities out of congregated settings and into an assisted community home respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

PQ: 27545/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people with disabilities still residing in a congregated setting; the number of people with disabilities transferred from a congregated setting to an assisted community home or their family home in 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The Time To Move On policy is supporting people to progress from campus based/ institutional settings to community based homes with support. One of the notable long-term implications of de-congregation, is that it demonstrates ongoing commitment and meaningful actions in relation to UNCRPD.

In the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities General comment No. 5 (2017) on living independently and being included in the community, it is noted that to achieve implementation at the national level, “States parties may face challenges at the national level when implementing the right to living independently and being included in the community”.



The report goes on to outline 14 steps that States should adopt to ensure the full implementation of article 19 of the Convention, a number of which are dependent on the ongoing implementation of the Time To Move on policy and deinstitutionalisation of the congregated settings.

Status of Congregated Settings:

In 2020, 126 people transitioned from congregated settings to homes in the Community by year end.

In 2021, 135 people transitioned from congregated settings to homes in the Community by year end.

In 2022, 35 people transitioned from congregated settings to homes in the community by year end.

In 2023, 16 people have transitioned from congregated settings to homes in the community to the end of May.

Costs

It is estimated that the cost, including staff and operating costs, of transferring 100, 200 and 300 people with disabilities out of congregated settings and into an assisted community home is as follows;

100 people - €28,700,000

200 people - €57,400,000

300 people - €86,100,000

Please note: the cost of decongregation varies in accordance with the support and care needs of each individual.

Yours Sincerely,



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