



26th June 2023

Mr. Martin Browne TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children who are assessed to be a priority one for residential placement across CHO5; the waiting times for those children waiting for residential placement from the time they entered the system; if funding has been given to increasing full-time residential capacity in CHO5; and if so, to provide details.

Dear Deputy Browne,

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.

The funding allocated within the annual National Service Plan (NSP) does not differentiate between Children and Adult Disability Services. Over the past five years residential placements have been provided to 21 children on a full time basis in SECH and an additional 2 children have received part time residential placements.

There are currently 13 children on a priority 1 waiting list for a residential placement.

In relation to waiting times whilst chronology is a factor in the residential allocation decision making other considerations including risk management, emergency placement and compatibility with other residents where vacancies are also taken into consideration as part of decision making.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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