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Dear Deputy Collins,

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.

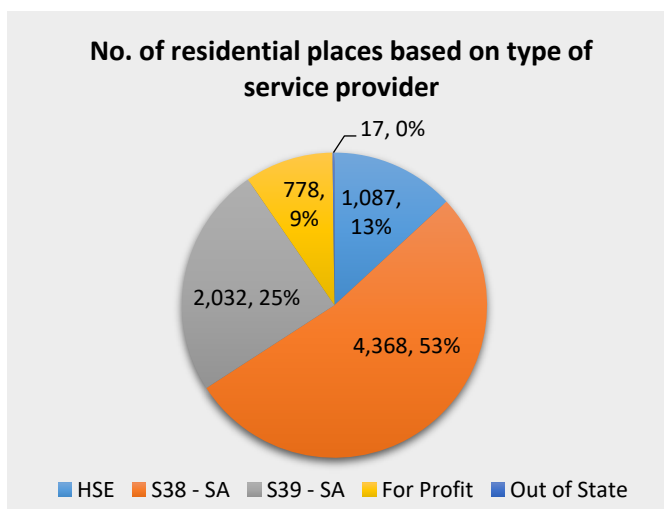
#### **PQ 15321/23**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he can advise what the budget was for disability residential care for the years 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

#### **HSE Response: Disability Residential Services**

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.

Approximately 90 service providers provide residential services to over 8,000 individuals throughout the country. The bulk of these are provided by the 50 highest funded agencies (comprising both Section 38 & Section 39 organisations) – some 6,399 places, or 78%. The HSE itself provides 1,087 or 13% of the places. While 778 places or 9% are provided by Private-for-Profit agencies.



The HSE developed a Residential Capacity Database to capture the number of residential placements / contract capacity per the service arrangement between the nine CHO area and the service provider agencies. The end of December position indicates that there were 8,282 residential places for people with a disability in 2022. A number of new emergency residential places have been added to the residential base, which results in a capacity increase. However, it should also be noted that Residential Capacity will also reduce during the year as a result of the loss of places in congregated settings due to deaths, which cannot be re-utilised. This is in keeping with Government policy, which is to move away from institutionalised settings (i.e. Time to Move On from Congregate Settings) where the State is actively implementing a policy that will have a bed reduction impact. In addition, "in-year" capacity (bed) levels will also be impacted negatively as a result of regulatory requirements; that is, where an inspection outcome leads to capacity being reduced.

The table below shows the number of residential places available at end of December 2022, broken down by CHO Area.

CHO Area	Residential Places Available December 2022
CHO 1	695
CHO 2	900
CHO 3	802
CHO 4	1,114
CHO 5	914
CHO 6	544.5
CHO 7	1,144
CHO 8	916
CHO 9	1,253
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8,282</b>

The HSE acknowledges that demographic challenges associated with the increase in the number of people living with a disability, the increase in age and life expectancy and the changing needs of people with a disability have all led to the need for increased residential facilities. In this regard, the HSE continues to work with agencies to explore various ways of responding to this need in line with the budget available. The HSE also engages with the Department of Health during the Estimates process to highlight the growing need for residential places for people with a disability and to emphasise the need for additional funding to meet this need.

#### Funding Disability Services.

The table below provides the total spend (outturn) on Residential Services (HSE provided, Voluntary Organisation provided and Private for Profit provided) for 2020, 2021 and 2022. Information pertaining to 2023 will not be available until next year.

Service area	2020 Funding €000	2021 Funding €000	2022 Funding €000
Residential Places	1,254,923	1,312,414	1,368,021

Yours sincerely,

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