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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will outline the budget for children's residential services for CHO5 for the past five years, if he will outline the new children's residential units provided over the past five years; the budget available to CHO5 for new residential services; if the opening of new residential services will impact on the respite services budget for CHO5; the number of new residential services required to meet current demand in CHO5, in Tipperary in particular.

Dear Deputy McGrath,

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.

In 2023, South East Community Healthcare (SECH) did not receive additional funding in the NSP for planned residential placements for children. However, funding of €1.393 million was secured to provide emergency residential placements to adults and children. SECH also received funding of €805k for Centre Based Respite, which Disability Services are currently allocating to current providers across the region to provide additional respite beds.

In SECH (CHO5), there are currently 13 children and 19 adults on the Priority 1 waiting list for a residential placement. Of these, there are 5 children and 5 adults in South Tipperary awaiting residential placement. It is acknowledged that there are increased demand for all disability services including residential placements and SECH will continue to advocate for additional resources and work with Service Providers to maximise provision.

I trust that this clarifies. Should you have any further related queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.



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