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Dear Deputy Moynihan,

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: 24919/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of residential places for people with a disability currently being provided as of 1 May 2023 or the latest date available; and if he would provide a tabular breakdown by CHO area of same.

PQ: 24924/23

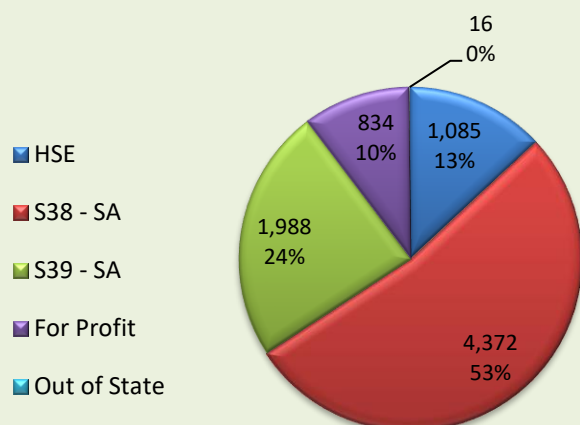
To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of new emergency places provided to people with a disability as of 1 May 2023, by Local Health Office area, in tabular form.

HSE Response

Residential services make up the largest part of the Disability funding disbursed by the HSE – over 60% of the total budget – and 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 6,360 places, or 77%. The HSE itself provides 1,085 or 13% of the places. While 834 places or 10% are provided by Private-for-Profit agencies. Please see the Pie Chart on the next page depicting this information.



No. of residential places based on type of service provider



The HSE developed a Residential Capacity Database to capture the number of residential placements / contract capacity per the service arrangement between the nine CHO areas and the service provider agencies. The end of April 2023 position indicates that there were 8,296 residential places for people with a disability. 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 April 2023, broken down by CHO Area. This is the latest data available.

CHO Area	Residential Places Available April 2023
CHO 1	698
CHO 2	860
CHO 3	808
CHO 4	1,113
CHO 5	913
CHO 6	546
CHO 7	1,175
CHO 8	926
CHO 9	1,257
Grand Total	8,296

Emergency Placements

The table below shows the number of new emergency residential placements provided to end of April 2023, broken down by CHO Area.



CHO Area	New Emergency Residential Placements April 2023
1	4
2	4
3	6
4	3
5	4
6	2
7	8
8	10
9	2
Total	53

In accordance with the NSP 2023, the HSE continues to prioritise residential services include planned and where needed, emergency placements and care. Funding has been allocated to provide a range of residential supports including as follows:

- Provide 43 additional residential places in response to current need.
- Support 18 delayed transfers of care in line with the Winter Plan.
- Provide 23 residential care packages to young people ageing out of Tusla services in line with the Joint Protocol.
- Consider a sustainable funding model for residential services, incorporating the early learning from the pilot project commenced in Community Healthcare West in 2022, the work of the National Placement Improvement Programme and the Disability Supports Management Application Tool.

Future Planning

The demand for full-time residential placements within designated centres is extremely high and is reflective of the absence of multi-year development funding that has not been in place since 2007/2008.

The Department of Health's 2021 Disability Capacity Review has projected a need for a minimum of an additional 1,900 residential places by 2032 under a minimum projection and an extra 3,900 in order to return to levels of provision prior to the beginning of the 2008 recession.

Yours Sincerely,

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