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Dear Deputy Cronin,

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: 42561/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if his Department can clarify the situation, whereby some persons funded for a 24/7 residential service, are still funded to attend a day service, while others are informed they cannot, on the basis they cannot be "double-funded" (details supplied); whether his Department will move immediately to correct any existing anomalies in the funding criteria and parameters for a day service for those already funded for residential; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: such lack of a day service inevitably confining refused-for-funding people to endless, empty days.

HSE Response

Over 4,500 people attend both day and residential services.

Within the current resourcing structure, Adult Disability Day Service placements are managed through the CHO Day Services teams and development funding is allocated for Day Service Placement only.

Under the Management of Vacant Places process within Adult Disability Day Services, should Day Service Users no longer need to avail of a Day Service placement the placements are reallocated to persons on the day service waiting lists.

It is important to note that people in receipt of 24/7 residential services who do not attend a separately funded day service are supported by residential staff during day service hours – i.e. their day service is based out of their residential location.

Yours Sincerely,

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