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Dear Deputy Cairns,

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: 44558/23**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide an update on the current progress in implementing the Transforming Lives Time to Move on from Congregated Settings strategy; the current number of individuals with a disability living in a congregated setting; the number of people with disabilities who have been transitioned to independent living from congregated settings annually since 1 January 2019 to date; the number of people with disabilities who have been admitted/housed in congregated settings annually since 1 January 2019 to present; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**HSE Response**

The HSE Time To Move On policy is supporting people to progress from campus based/ institutional settings to community based homes with support. The on-going commitment of the HSE to the vision of “Time to Move on” has been fundamental in bringing about meaningful and sustainable change for approximately 2,400 individuals since the programme began and is enabling these individuals to live ordinary lives in ordinary places in the community.

The HSE are committed to ensuring that planned transitions meet the individual’s specific needs and is in line with the individuals expressed will and preference. The Assisted Decision Making Capacity Act is fundamental to this process.

The most recent signed off Annual Report was completed in 2020. A full audit of the current status of the number of individuals still living in congregated settings is underway and an Annual Report will be prepared for 2023.



The number of completed transitions since 2019 are as follows:	
Year	Transitions
2019	116
2020	118
2021	127
2022	38
2023	40 to end of August

The lack of available suitable accommodation is a significant challenge for transitioning people with disabilities into the community. It is hoped that the recently launched National Housing Strategy for Disabled People 2022 – 2027 will assist with this challenge as Regional Steering Groups will be established to bring together the local authority dedicated disability representatives and the HSE dedicated housing representatives to allow for cooperation and collaboration at an operational level.

Yours Sincerely,



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