



27th September 2023

Ms. Verona Murphy TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 39470/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current number of adult disability respite beds vacant in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 39472/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the total number of adult disability respite beds in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 39473/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the current number of child disability respite beds vacant in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 39474/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of adult disability respite beds available in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**PQ 39476/23**

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of high-support disability residential placements available in County Wexford in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and to date in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following Composite Response outlines the current position.*



The following table sets out total number of Intellectual disability respite beds in County Wexford:

Service Provider	No. of Respite Beds
Reachability	5 Adult
Ard Aoibhinn	8 (4 adult and 4 children)
St. Aidan's	7 (adults & children – demand led)
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

One St. Aidan's bed is a designated unplanned emergency admission bed and is filled in consultation with Disability Services.

Ard Aoibhinn is open four nights a week for children and six nights a week for adults. Reachability is providing services three nights per week.

Houses may not run at full capacity due to client need, assessed risks and compatibility issues at any given time.

There are no designated Physical and Sensory beds. Application is made to Nursing Homes on an ad hoc basis as need arises, some referrals are made to Cheshire Waterford.

There are no vacant beds other than the unplanned admission bed which is filled as needed to meet emergency need.

The following table sets out the number of high-support disability residential placements available in County Wexford in 2019,2020,2021,2022 and to date in 2023:

Agency	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
ABII	3	4	4	4	3
All	1	1	1	1	1
Ard Aoibhinn	7	9	8	7	8
BOC	8	8	0	0	0
Camphills	4	6	6	6	6
Cheshire	2	3	3	3	3
CWCW/Reachability	11	11	13	12	13
Nua	1	2	3	3	2
Praxis	10	8	6	6	5
Resilience	3	2	1	1	0
St. Aidan's		11	17	12	12
Stepping Stones	3	2	2	2	2
Talbot Group	2	2	2	2	2
Three Steps	0	0	0	1	1
WIDA	1	1	1	0	0

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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