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Dear Deputy Murphy,

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: 1095/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated full year cost of providing 650 extra adult day service places.*

**HSE Response**

Day Services are a key component of support services that enable people to live within the community. The New Directions Policy, which was published in 2013, outlines the manner in which adults with disabilities receive disability day services. This policy is underpinned by the values of person centredness, community inclusion, active citizenship and quality.

This policy is in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities which articulate the rights of people with disabilities to avail of the whole range of public services that are available to all citizens of the state. The guiding principle for HSE funded day services is that supports will be tailored to individual need and will be flexible, responsive and person-centred.

Further information on *New Directions* and the HSE's Day Services can be found at the following weblink: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/newdirections/>



## **Costs**

The full year cost of providing **650 adult day service places is circa €19,500**. This is based on the average cost per person. It's important to note this is exclusive of additional costs, including transport and MDT supports.

Yours Sincerely,



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