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An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
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Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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: 28067/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people in receipt of day services for the years 2018-2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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/>

Number of people in receipt of day services

Approximately 2,250 people are referred to day service each year. People are allocated places from vacancies arising through the Management of Vacant Places process (MVP) introduced in 2022 and the management of Rehabilitative Training places. This process includes profiling of individual need the allocation of resources in line with that profiled need. The HSE structure that supports the delivery of adult disability day services has been strengthened in all areas



and now comprises a day service team under the management and direction of a Day Services Coordinator. These processes maximise the use of funded placements and vacancies arising.

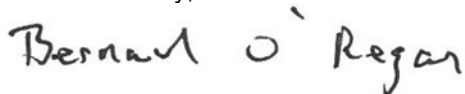
Currently over 19,300 people are in receipt of disability Day Service supports (excluding RT) at 1,091 locations around the country. These supports are provided by 97 service provider agencies.

With regard to the question on the number of persons in receipt of day-disability services in each of the years 2018 to 2024, at national level we cannot answer for pre 2020 due to the fact that the data was not updated on the National Day Service Database at that time.

Please see table below which gives the number of people in receipt of day services for the years 2020-2024

Year	Number of people with a disability in receipt of day services (December KPI)
2020	16,762
2021	17,734
2022	18,423
2023	18,963
2024	Approx. 19,300 (to date)

Yours sincerely,



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