



Oifig an Stiúirthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
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Caladh an Treoigh,
Luimneach.

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Dear Deputy Conway Walsh,

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: 28415/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated annual, first- and full-year cost to provide 500, 1,000 and 1,500 additional 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 500, 1,000 and 1,500 additional adult day service places is circa €15m, €30m, and €45m respectively.



The first year cost is dependent on the commencement date in services with additional 50% setup costs required. For example, the 6 month first year cost of additional places for 500 new places would be approximately €11.25m.

This is based on the average cost per person for front line staff supports only. It's important to note this is exclusive of additional costs, including service management, transport. MDT supports and accommodation.

Yours Sincerely,

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