



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

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Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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: 30719/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated cost of a day service place.

PQ: 30720/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated unmet need for adult day services; and if he will make a statement on the matter

PQ: 30721/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated annual requirement for adult day services

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/>

Estimated Cost of a Day Service Place

With regard to the estimated cost of a day service place, it is important to note, the cost of placements is dependent on the needs of each person. Placements for some people with higher support needs can cost over €90,000 and funding is provided for these placements subject to the profiling allocation review process.

The **average full year** cost of a new day placement is €32,615. The funding does not include the cost of multi disciplinary support, rent/lease of buildings or transport both of which are essential for many people.

Estimated unmet need for adult day services

Approximately 300 adults who have presented later in life or have acquired a disability are not receiving day service supports. In addition, the changing needs of people in service are not met. Development funding is not made available to meet the needs of older adults with disabilities (20% of people in day services are aged 55 or over). Where possible, people can access vacant places through the management of vacant places process. Only 164 places were made available through this process in 2023

Estimated annual requirement for adult day services

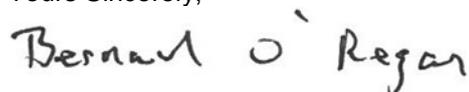
The number of new Day Service places required will increase over the coming years based on the increasing number of RT/School Leaver referrals and demographic change, in particular the increase in Autism supports required.

Projected New Day Services Places Required for RT/School Leavers:

Year	Day Places	Full Year Cost excl. inflation
2024	1300	€ 42,399,500
2025	1378	€ 44,943,470
2026	1461	€ 47,650,515
2027	1548	€ 50,488,020
2028	1641	€ 53,521,215
2029	1740	€ 56,750,100
2030	1845	€ 60,174,675

This full year cost 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, multidisciplinary supports and accommodation.

Yours Sincerely,



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