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Deputy Robert Troy
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 7375/24

Dear Deputy Troy,

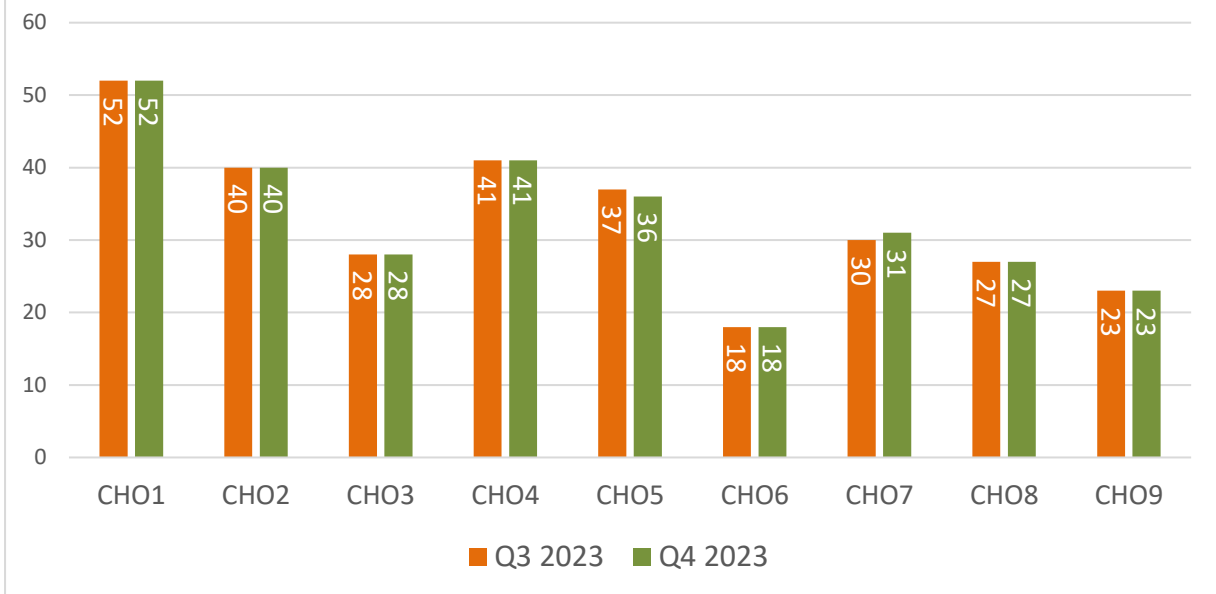
The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to this Department for response.

To ask the Minister for Health the number of active day centres in each county; and the population and demographics of those counties compared to the number of day centres, in tabular form.

Day Care for older people provides a key component of the range of services available in the community and is delivered in a myriad of settings; day care attached to day hospitals, dementia specific day care, and standalone day care centres under the governance of the HSE or through service level arrangements with voluntary agencies funded through S39 funding.

The HSE continues in our efforts to uphold and ensure the functionality of more than 300 Day Care Centres. Currently, 296 of these centres are operational, serving approximately 13,500 clients on a weekly basis. 2024 data is currently being collated.

Total number of operational Day Care services 2023



Below are the figures for total population aged 65+ per CHO

| Area | Over 65+ years population ** |
|------|------------------------------|
| CHO1 | 71,672 |
| CHO2 | 83,255 |
| CHO3 | 68,305 |
| CHO4 | 119,028 |
| CHO5 | 91,091 |
| CHO6 | 68,502 |
| CHO7 | 95,279 |
| CHO8 | 93,919 |
| CHO9 | 85,264 |

**CSO Census 2022

As part of HSE Reform Programme, Slaintecare aims to deliver the right care in the right place and at the right time. Six Health Regions have been established to achieve this aim. In order for Regions to prioritise and plan services that meets the needs of their population a comparative report on the current Population Profiles has been developed for each Region (March 2024) and available at Regional Population Profiles. (Copy of report attached and link [Health Population Profiles - HSE.ie](#)). It provides a profile of the overall population through an agreed set of 12 parameters within each Regional Profile to inform and support the planning of health services

Intgergrated Health Areas will be the substructures within each of the six new health regions. There will be twenty IHAs in total. They will serve a population of around 300,000 and will take account of local geographies, population size, needs and services.

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

Kind Regards,



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