



**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 Kelly,

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: 35081/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of young adults with an intellectual disability in County Tipperary that are on the waiting list for day services in tabular form.*

**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/>

Young adults who are leaving school and may require day service supports are referred to the HSE Day Opportunities Teams each year. The young people are met by a member of the team and receive guidance and support to access their preferred placement.

Sixty two young people from County Tipperary were referred through the 2024 process. The individuals that require day service supports begin commencing in day services throughout September. Some young people may choose to defer



their placement and can do so up until the end of October. The Day Opportunities Teams in the CHO's manage and monitor commencements. As people are only commencing, the number of people awaiting their placement will not be available until after October 2024 when all commencements are reviewed. The young people referred have a range of disabilities including Intellectual, Physical, Sensory and Autism. Placement is based on each persons individual support needs.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bernard O'Regan". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Bernard" and last name "Regan" clearly legible, and "O'" written in a smaller, more compact form in the middle.

**Bernard O'Regan**  
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