



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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To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people on disability service waiting lists for each service type, excluding children's disability network teams, at the end of quarter 1 of each year 2019, 2024, and 2025 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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Thank you for your Parliamentary Question referenced above, which has been forwarded to me for direct reply.

The HSE provides and funds a range of community services and supports to enable each individual with a disability to achieve his or her full potential and maximise independence, including living as independently as possible. Services are provided in a variety of community and residential settings in partnership with service users, their families and carers and a range of statutory, non-statutory, voluntary and community groups. Services are provided either directly by the HSE or through a range of voluntary service providers. Voluntary agencies provide the majority of services in partnership with and on behalf of the Health Service Executive.

Services provided include Residential, Respite, Day Services and Rehabilitative Training, Assisted Living Services (PA and Home Support), and Children's Disability Services.

The local HSE CHO areas would be aware of the need and requirements in their respective areas and would work with the local Service Providers with a view to responding to the level of presenting needs within the resources available.

Disability Support Application Management Tool (DSMAT)

HSE Disability Services has introduced a system called the Disability Support Application Management Tool (DSMAT), which provides a list and detailed profiles of people (Adults & Children) who need additional funded supports in each CHO.

DSMAT captures information on home and family circumstances and a presentation profile of the individuals. This enables Community Healthcare Organisation (CHO) areas to record and manage requests for support and to match emerging capacity with need.



Please see tables below - National Aggregation for 2019 to end of Quarter 4 2024.

The updated figures below represent a "point in time" analysis and may not include applications received in to the CHO but not yet processed onto the DSMAT tool.

Residential Services

Total Applicants New Residential Service	2019	2020	2021	2022	Mid. Yr. 2023	End of Q4 2024
	776	1033	1158	1205	1296	1,558

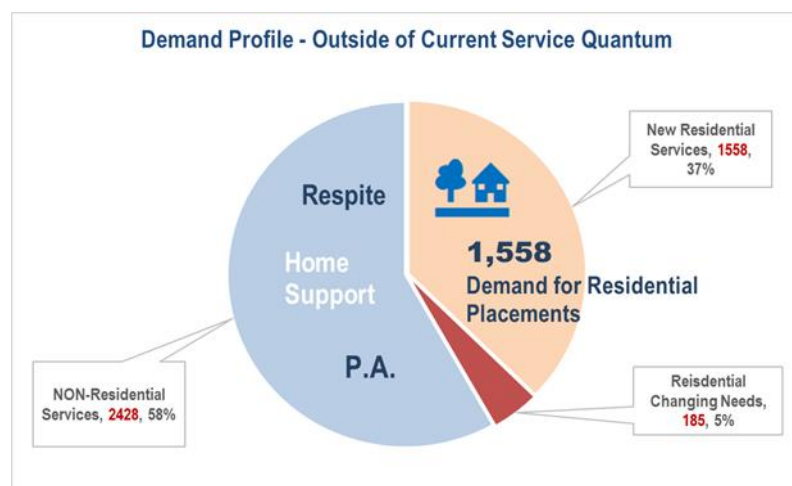
Applications for Non Residential Services

Total Applicants: Personal Assistance and Home Support Services and Day Respite Services	Mid. Yr. 2019	Mid. Yr. 2020	Mid. Yr. 2021	Mid. Yr. 2022	Mid. Yr. 2023	End of Q4 2024
	1117	1619	1903	2142	2492	2,428

The pie chart below, provides an overview of the demand for services – outside of current service quantum. (most recent information available)

185 applications are linked to applications on behalf of existing persons in residential services in which there is changing need due to ageing, mental health, behavioural presentation etc and there is a required need for additional funded supports on a recurring basis within the designated centres. Such requirement for additional resource can also be an outcome of regulatory escalation by the HIQA Disability Inspectorate.

Demand Summary Q4 2024



58% of applications for Disability Services are for Respice and or/Home Support and /or PA services.

37% of applications for Disability Services are for new residential services.

Future Planning

With regard to Residential places, the demand for full-time residential placements within designated centres is extremely high.



The Department of Health's 2021 Disability Capacity Review has projected a need for a minimum of an additional 1,900 residential places by 2032 under a minimum projection and an extra 3,900 in order to return to levels of provision prior to the beginning of the 2008 recession.

The Capacity Review 2021 has projected a need for 600 additional persons requiring funded day services outside of current quantum and 3,000 enhanced day service requirement.

With regard to centre based respite, the Disability Capacity Review informs of up to €10 million in additional provision per year is required (20% additional quantum – 26,200 approx. additional overnights per year).

In addition, the Capacity Review advises that up to €15 million per year by 2032 – equivalent to 600,000 additional hours @ €25 per hour is required to meet the requirements for Personal Assistants and Home Support.

Each CHO continues to actively manage applications for support from service users with high levels of acuity/ safeguarding risks, through lower-cost non-residential interventions such as in-home and Residential Respite, active case-management and inter-agency cooperation.

Yours Sincerely,

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