



10th March 2025

Sinead Gibney
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ Ref: 3294/25 – “To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the total number of respite hours for children provided to families in CHO6 in each of the past six months, in tabular form”

Dear Deputy Gibney,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Respite for children in HSE Dublin south and Wicklow Area (Former CHO6) is provided by Sanas alternative respite and for the Wicklow area is the potter club, below is the information provided for this.

Analysis of Hours Provided in Sánas Wicklow from June 2024-December 2024

Month	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
No of Service Users per session	12	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Number of sessions for 1:1 supports provided	26	28	28	39	49	51	39	260
Number of sessions for 2:1 supports provided	3	6	10	9	7	5	3	43
Total number of Hours provided	1,541	2,202	2,213	2,292	2,345	2,463	2,151	15,207

To note, this service is an alternative respite and afterschool programme. It had been increasing incrementally over the course of the 6 months outlined, hence the increase month on month of children per session.

Sánas is now at full capacity with 110 children active on their books.

The respite Sessions offered and provided for by the Potter Club from June 2024 – December 2024 is below:

Month	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Sessions offered	24	41	47	22	20	20	22	196
Sessions Accepted	18	39	37	18	17	26	15	170



I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Kind Regards,

Anna Meegan
General Manager
Disability Services