



**Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta, An Chéad**
Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15, Áras Phlásóg na Rós,
Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile, Páirc
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To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the total spend on insourcing and outsourcing of disability services, by service type, in 2023, 2024, and to date in 2025, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Cullinane,

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

The HSE works in partnership with organisations including Section 38, Section 39, Out of State and For Profit organisations to ensure the best level of service possible is provided to people with a disability and their families, within the available resources. The majority of specialised disability provision (80%) is delivered through non-statutory sector service providers funded by the HSE using allocated budget funding.

While, the HSE does not report total spend on insourcing and outsourcing of disability services by service type, the HSE allocates and tracks funding provided to Service Providers for the provision of disability services to service users.

HSE Disability services has been allocated over €3.2 billion in 2025. Currently €2.6 billion is allocated out by the Disability HSE areas to the Non Statutory Providers.

These organisations are providing a wide variety of services including CDNT, Residential, Respite, Day Services, PA and Home Support.

It is important to note that many organisations are providing various types of services as outlined above.

Governance of Funding

The HSE acknowledges the role and contribution of non-statutory agencies in the development and provision of health and personal social services and is committed to the development of effective working relationships as enacted by the Health Act 2004.

The HSE has over 1,045 Service Arrangements or Grant Aid Agreements with over 460 organisations providing a wide variety of disability services on behalf of the HSE.

As part of a HSE wide requirement to ensure appropriate governance arrangements that underpin the release of the funding of Agencies, a Governance Framework for Funded Agencies (Framework) has been developed which ensures a consistent approach in this regard.

The HSE must have in place appropriate contractual arrangements Service Arrangements (SA) and Grant Aid Agreements (GA) with all Agencies that have funding released to them for the provision of services.

To meet the needs of service users, services provided by non statutory Service Providers for the funding received, is agreed between the local HSE areas and the Provider within these governance frameworks.



The Service Arrangement and Grant Aid Agreement are contracts and operate on the principles of contract law. There is a requirement that they are renewed each year to support the transfer of the very significant sums of public money involved.

The Framework was introduced to implement the legislative provisions of the Health Act, 2004 and to reflect the requirements for public accountability where the HSE is legally obliged to account for all public expenditure on health and personal social services. In this regard, the SA is a key document which comprises of Part 1 and the HPSR documents.

The Framework seeks to provide a level of governance which links funding provided to a quantum of service and provides for these services to be linked to quality standards, with continuous monitoring to ensure equity, efficiency and effective use of available resources.

For further information please see:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/non-statutory-sector/section-39-documentation.html>

Breakdown of Spend by Service Type.

Please see the Table below which provides information on the spend on disability services by type of service since 2022. Information regarding 2025 will not be available until next year.

Service Provided	Final Nsp 2022	2023 Funding	Final Nsp 2023	Final Nsp 2024	%
Residential Places	€1,368,021	€118,326	€1,486,347	€1,666,363	57.75%
Day Services	€580,489	€48,360	€628,849	€694,274	24.06%
Respite	€96,465	€10,418	€106,883	€125,120	4.34%
PA & Home support (Hours of Service)	€109,809	€7,163	€116,972	€135,313	4.69%
Multidisciplinary Support (WTE's)	€133,251	€18,042	€155,693	€174,093	6.03%
Other Community Services & Supports	€59,346	€3,463	€59,908.62	€70,525	2.44%
Blind and Mobility		€19,930	€19,930	€19,930	0.69%
Total	€2,347,380	€225,702	€2,574,582	€2,885,618	100.00%

Yours Sincerely,

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