



25th July 2025

Deputy Pa Daly,
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 40082/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of young adults within an intellectual disability in Kerry that are on the waiting list for day services.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

HSE South West Disability Services receives and processes referrals for Day Service and Rehabilitation Training (RT) placements through the yearly National School Leaver process. This process provides a fair and transparent pathway to support school leavers and individuals completing a three year RT programme in their transition to a HSE funded Adult Day Service, where required.

There is no funding stream for a non-School Leaver/RT Exit to access day services. Where a referral is received HSE South West work with service providers to identify a placement from reconfiguring existing resources and / or identifying a vacant placement which may meet the person's needs. This is consistent with the HSE National Protocol for the Management of Service User Vacancies within Provider Day Service Locations.

Eighty six school leaver referrals were received and profiled for a HSE funded RT programme / Day Service within Kerry under the National School Leaver/ RT Exits 2025 process.

Placements have been identified for all of these referrals. Disability Services has either finalised or are in the process of finalising school leaver negotiations



and funding agreements with agencies for the placements identified. Outstanding negotiation meetings will be finalised very shortly. Where negotiations have been concluded families have been contacted by the Disability Service team. Remaining families will be contacted shortly when negotiations are fully finalised.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the office.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Angela O'Neill,
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