



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 status of the review on rehabilitative training; when the report of each review will be completed and published; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Cummins,

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

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.

There are now 19,524 individuals with a disability in receipt of day services, together with a further 2,046 in Rehabilitative Training services. These services are provided at 1,091 locations around the country by 97 service provider agencies.

Day services expand every year to meet the needs of over 2,000 people leaving school or rehabilitative training that are referred to the HSE Day Opportunities teams each year. The Day Opportunities teams are currently working with people referred and providers to ensure placements are available from September, in line with the person's support needs and within the funding resources available.

Rehabilitative Training Review

Forvis Mazars completed a comprehensive consultation with all stakeholders to inform the review of RT. On receipt and consideration of the Forvis Mazars draft report, the HSE asked the NDA to undertake a peer review of the report.

The link to the NDA Summary Paper on the Review of Rehabilitative Training is now available:

<https://discoveryzone.hseland.ie/disability-day-services-public/> .



The next steps is to work in partnership with stakeholders and the National and Regional New Directions Implementation Groups (NDIG), to progress the implementation of the recommendations.

Yours Sincerely,

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