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Mr. Johnny Mythen TD
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Leinster House
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PQ 26029/25

To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite hours provided to families in County Wexford, in each of the past 12 months; the number provided each month since March 2020 and to date in 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Mythen,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

The below table sets out the number of respite hours provided to families in Co. Wexford in the past 12 months, the number provided each month since March 2020 and to date in 2025:

Service Provider	House	Service User	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 Q1
Ard Aoibhinn	Windrock	Adult	Covid closure	813	1045	985	994	258
Ard Aoibhinn	Aleana House	Child	Covid closure	144	353	506	578	158
Reachability	Teach Shingaun	Adult	Covid Closure	414	263	353	720	153
St. Aidan's	Mulcahy House	Adult	Covid Closure	961	566	352	352	229
St. Aidan's	Mulcahy House	Child	Covid Closure	101	73	141	141	171
Total				2,433	2,300	2,337	2,785	969

Respite services may not run at full capacity due to client need, assessed risks and compatibility issues at any given time and also issues around recruitment of staff, therefore the number of delivered respite bed nights is subject to change on a monthly basis.

Reachability open three nights per week due to ongoing staffing issues and both Reachability and St. Aidan's Services had significant periods of closure during the referenced period.

Respite is delivered to clients as an overnight provision and is not calculated or recorded on a per hour basis.



I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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