

Community Healthcare West serving Galway, Mayo and Roscommon

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Re: PQ 26133/25

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

Dear Deputy Dolan

I refer to PQ 26133/25 uploaded to the PAD System on the 16th May 2025 and due for response on the 5th June 2025 in the above regard. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that Disability Day Services and Rehabilitative Training (RT) courses are HSE funded programmes that support people age 18 and over, with intellectual disabilities, autism, or people with complex physical disabilities. Services are delivered in line with the national New Directions in Day Services policy and focus on assisting individuals to make choices and plans and to be active independent members of their community.

At present in Galway there are 93 young people who are leaving school or completing RT courses and require day service placements in September 2025. Since the time of referral, the HSE Disability Day Services Team have been engaging with those young people as part of the national School Leaver process in order to identify the most suitable service to meet their needs. Placements are currently in the final stage of being negotiated with the service providers.

The Disability Day Services Team is also working with service providers to explore placements for 10 people who require day services but are not part of the School Leaver process.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

Jan Flanagan General Manager Disability Services