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**Deputy Peadar Tóibín,
House of the Oireachtas,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
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RE: PQ 10621/21

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with a disability in County Limerick awaiting a HSE funded residential placement: and the waiting times for same

Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to advise that the HSE Mid West Disability Services we follow the Framework for the Management of Residential vacancies with regard to residential placements. As part of this process, a database known as the Disability Services Assessment and Monitoring Tool (DSMAT) is maintained.

There are currently 45 people from County Limerick on this database waiting on a HSE funded residential placement. The length of waiting of clients on the database can vary considerably. However the length of waiting time is determined by suitability and the prioritisation of need.

These are all individual cases with varying disabilities from Physical & Sensory, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Acquired Brain Injury, Intellectual Disability which have unique complex requirements. It is also important to take into consideration when a vacancy arises that the person must be compatible so all criteria for the residential placement is met.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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