



Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,
Àras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,
Páirc Náisiúnta Teicneolaíochta,
Caladh an Treoigh,
Luimneach.

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Dear Deputy Tully,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 15815/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth in respect to the HSE National Service Plan 2023 which places the projected outturn 2022 for the number of people with a disability in receipt of respite services ID/autism and physical and sensory disability at 5,170 if this figure accounts for both adults and children (details supplied).

Details supplied: HSE National Service Plan 2023 (p. 139):
https://assets.publications.hse.ie/media/file_based_publications/National_service_plan_2023.pdf

HSE Response

According to the National Service Plan 2023, the HSE committed to providing respite (Day only and Overnight respite) services to 5738 people with a disability (ID /autism and physical and sensory disability). This figure includes children and adults.

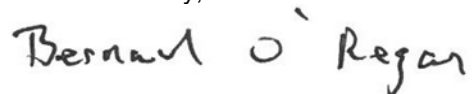
The projected out turn for the end 2022 was that 5,170 people with a disability (ID /autism and physical and sensory disability) would be provided with respite (Day only and overnight respite) services. This figure includes children and adults.



Confirmed figures for the end of 2022 and 2023 are as follows;

- 2022 - 131,057 overnights and 28,369 day only sessions were accessed by people with a disability (the number of respite overnights was 41.6% ahead of the target for the year of 92,555, and which is reflective of the gradual return to pre-pandemic levels of service. The number of day only sessions (28,369) was also significantly ahead of the target of 22,474 for 2022.)
- 2023 – 151,123 overnights (which is 16.8% ahead of NSP target of 129,396 and 13.1% ahead of SPLY) and 45,424 day only sessions (which is 85.8% ahead of NSP target of 24,444 and 58.9% ahead of SPLY) were accessed by people with a disability in 2023. The total number of people in receipt of Respite services in 2023 is 6,137, which is up on the NSP target of 5,758.

Yours Sincerely,



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