



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

Office of the Assistant National Director,
National Disability Team,
First Floor- Offices 13, 14, 15,
Roselawn House, University Business Complex,
National Technology Park,
Castletroy,
Limerick.

8th May 2024

Deputy Pauline Tully,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
E-mail: pauline.tully@oireachtas.ie

Dear Deputy Tully,

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

PQ: 17459/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the capital costs of providing one additional adult day service centre; the average number of places provided in an adult day service centre; the first-year current costs of providing 500, 1,000 and 1,500 additional adult day service places; and the full year current costs of providing 500, 1,000 and 1,500 additional adult day service places, in tabular form.

PQ: 17460/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the cost bands associated with providing additional adult day services places in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; and the average cost of providing additional day service places in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024; in tabular form.

PQ: 17461/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the estimated number of new day service places for disabled adults that will be needed in 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, taking into account vacancies arising and demographic change. –

PQ: 17462/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of people leaving rehabilitative training and school who were profiled for an adult day service in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and the number of adult day service places that were provided in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form -.



HSE Response

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.

Further information on *New Directions* and the HSE's Day Services can be found at the following weblink: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/newdirections/>

Costs

With regard to the capital costs of providing one additional adult day service centre, the cost of any particular project is directly related to the scale and scope of said project. In addition, the cost varies depending on the requirements and needs of people availing of support in each location. The design and build and/or purchase and refurbishment of a building that meets all regulatory requirements, is also market dependent.

For example:

- A small community location suitable for people who have a high level of independence and lower support needs costs approximately €20,000 to rent a year or approximately.
- A large community location suitable for this same cohort would cost approximately €80,000 a year to rent.
- A bespoke location required for people with high support needs such as autism or a physical disability can cost up to €200,000 to rent.

HSE Estates inform that, in the absence of specific details, it is not possible to provide a cost for any particular project. However an adult day service centre of 750sqm with standard accommodation would be expected to have a Total Project Cost of €5 - €6m excluding site acquisition.

There is no national average number of places provided in an adult day centre. The Defining New Locations paper recommends that no more than 25 people are in a location at any one time.

The first and full year current costs of 500, 1,000 and 1,500 **additional** adult day service places is approximately €15 million, €30 million and €45 million euro.

This is based on the profiled need of each person and current average staffing required where there is one staff supporting 3 people. Additional location capacity would also be required – approximately 30 locations.

It's important to note this is exclusive of additional costs, including transport and MDT supports

The **cost bands** based on the profiled need of people referred to Adult Disability Day Services ranged from:

Year	Funding Bands
2019	€10,000 to €50,000
2020	€13,000 to €50,000
2021	€13,000 to €50,000
2022	€18,000 to €55,000
2023	€18,000 to €55,000
2024	€18,000 to €60,000

It's important to note, the cost of placements is dependent on the needs of each person. Placements for some people with higher support needs can cost over €90,000 and funding is provided for these placements subject to the profiling allocation review process.



The **average full year** cost of additional day service places is listed below. The funding does not include the cost of multi disciplinary support or transport both of which are essential for many people. School leavers and RT leavers commence in Services from September each year. Nearly 2,100 people have been referred to the CHO Day Service teams for 2024 to date. CHOs are currently working with the persons referred, their families and providers to agree this year's placements.

Average cost of placement	
2019	€ 22,092
2020	€ 23,921
2021	€ 31,493
2022	€ 30,281
2023	€ 29,167

The number of new Day Service places required will increase over the coming years based on the increasing number of RT/School Leaver referrals and demographic change, in particular the increase in Autism supports required.

Projected New Day Services Places Required:

2024	1300
2025	1378
2026	1461
2027	1548
2028	1641
2029	1740
2030	1845

Approximately 2,250 people are referred to day service each year. People are allocated places from vacancies arising through the Management of Vacant Places process (MVP) introduced in 2022 and the management of Rehabilitative Training places. These processes maximise the use of funded placements and vacancies arising.

With regard to the number of people leaving rehabilitative training and school who were profiled for an adult day service in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023; and the number of adult day service places that were provided in 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023;

The number of people profiled and people that had places provided 2019-2023:

Year	People Profiled	Places Provided	Places deferred
2019	1,735	1,406	-
2020	1,787	1,463	71
2021	1,837	1,469	85
2022	1,878	1,451	115
2023	1,937	1,501	177

The deferral process was introduced in 2020. All 448 people deferred have the opportunity to access day services within five years. There is approximately 250 each year who don't require an Adult Disability Day Service.

Yours Sincerely,

Bernard O'Regan

Bernard O'Regan, Assistant National Director, National Disability Team

