

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 Cairns,

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: 32201/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide an update on the current progress in implementing the Transforming Lives Time to Move on from Congregated Settings Strategy; the current number of individuals with a disability living in a congregated setting; the number of people with disabilities who have been transitioned to independent living from congregated settings annually since 1 January 2019 to date; the number of people with disabilities who have been admitted or housed in congregated settings annually since 1 January 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

The HSE Time To Move On policy is supporting people to progress from campus based/ institutional settings to community based homes with support. The on-going commitment of the HSE to the vision of "Time to Move on" has been fundamental in bringing about meaningful and sustainable change for approximately 2,500 individuals since the programme began and is enabling these individuals to live ordinary lives in ordinary places in the community.

Transforming Lives Time to Move on From Congregated Settings Subgroup – Location Review Group Report: Revised Register of Congregated Settings 2019 recommended periodic reviews of residential settings to ensure an accurate register is maintained and a review was carried out between July 2023 and March 2024 by way of site visits and data collection. This review not only enabled the HSE to confirm the number of individuals remaining in the HSE tracked settings it also assisted with prioritisation of the remaining settings for funding over the next 1-10 years.

At the end of December 2023 there were 1,415 individuals remaining in the HSE tracked congregated settings.



The figures for transitions and admissions from 2019 to 2023 are as follows:

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Number of transitions	116	118	127	38	70
Number of admissions	23	25	28	53	28

Yours sincerely,

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