



**Oifig an Stiúrthóir Cúnta Náisiúnta,**  
Foireann Míchumais Náisiúnta,  
An Chéad Urlár - Oifigí 13, 14, 15,  
Áras Phlásóg na Rós, Coimpléasc Gnó na hOllscoile,  
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Caladh an Treoigh,  
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Dear Deputy McGrath,

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: 33699/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide an update on funding available to charities for the construction of purpose-built adult disability day services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**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/>

Funding is not atomically made available to providers to construct purpose-built locations to support adult disability day services. Locations are developed dependent on the needs of people entering services each year. In many cases additional capacity is met through the rent/lease of locations or rent of local community facilities that provide easy access to the person's local community and facilities therein. Rent/lease funding to the value of €3m nationally is being made available to accommodate new entrants in 2024. (over 2,000 School and Rehabilitative Training leavers referred).



Providers can submit a business case to their local HSE area to access limited funding for construction projects through the Capital Plan 2024. So far in 2024, five submissions for Day Service locations have been approved by National HSE Estates.

Yours Sincerely,

*Bernard O'Regan*

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