



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

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: 19792/24**

*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 2023; and the number of adult day services places provided in 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/>

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. This process includes profiling of individual need the allocation of resources in line with that profiled need. The HSE structure that supports the delivery of adult disability day services has been strengthened in all areas



and now comprises a day service team under the management and direction of a Day Services Coordinator. These processes maximise the use of funded placements and vacancies arising.

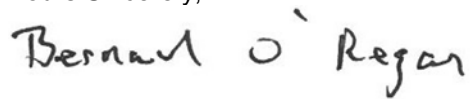
Currently almost 19,000 people are in receipt of disability Day Service supports at 1,041 locations around the country. These supports are provided by approximately 95 service provider agencies.

With regard to the number of people leaving rehabilitative training and school who were profiled for an adult day service in 2023; and the number of adult day services places provided in 2023, please see the table below.

Year	People Profiled	Places Provided	Places deferred
2023	1,937	1,501	177

The deferral process was introduced in 2020. All 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,



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