



**Oifig an Stiúrthóir 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.

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1<sup>st</sup> October 2024

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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: 38536/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of disabled persons resident in a congregated setting, by county, local age and type of residence from 2020 to date, in tabular form*

### **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 2,400 individuals since the programme began and is enabling these individuals to live ordinary lives in ordinary places in the community.

This proposed model of support envisages that people living in congregated settings will be moved to dispersed housing in ordinary communities and will have the same entitlement as any other citizen, such as GP services, home help, public health nursing services and access to primary care teams. This process has shown that families initially had concerns about their family member moving to the community however, meaningful engagement with families and individuals before during and after the transition led to successful transitions for all those who have moved to date.

Initial feedback shows that the lives of many individuals have been enhanced and they are enjoying a far greater quality of life than when living in a congregated setting.

With regard to the questions asked, please see the Tables below.



Table 1 below provided information regarding the number of people living in congregated settings at the end of each year and currently in 2024

**Table 1**

	End of 2020	End of 2021	End of 2022	End of 2023	Current 2024
<b>Number of people living in Congregated settings</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>1,599</b>	<b>1465</b>	<b>1402</b>

Table 2 below provides information regarding the type of residence/ accomodation for those people living in congregated settings currently in 2024.

**Table 2**

Area	Large Institutional Building	Bungalow on large campus	Clusters of more than 2 houses	House with 10 or more	House with less than 10	Total number remaining 31/08/2024
CHO1	9	35	14		16	74
CHO2		26				26
CHO3		125				125
CHO4 *	3	268	54	62	55	442
CHO5		31			7	38
CHO6 *		33	31		6	70
CHO7	6	303				309
CHO8		14				14
CHO9	8	231	65			304
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1066</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>1402</b>

\*May be some minor differences in numbers as still validating

Table 3 below provides information regarding the age profile of those people living in congregated settings currently in 2024.

Age Profile Remaining Individual	Numbers
21-30	37
31-40	105
41-50	279
51-60	444*
61-70	312
71-80	186
81-90	36
91-100	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1402</b>

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Yours Sincerely,

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