



15<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Mr. Martin Browne TD  
Dail Eireann  
Leinster House  
Dublin 2

**PQ 39897/24**

**To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of respite beds available for people with a disability in CHO5 in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Browne,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

The following tables outline the current number of residential respite beds available in CHO5 for Adult and Children Services.

Year Adult Services	No. of Respite Beds	Number of Respite Nights
2020	20	2404 Closed due to Covid-19 restrictions
2021	37	5466
2022	35	6114
2023	36	6453
2024	26	3465 Quarter 1+Quarter 2 2024

Year Children Services	No. of Respite Beds	Number of Respite Nights
2020	12	1332 then Closed due to Covid-19 restrictions
2021	13	1763
2022	16	2571
2023	17	3131
2024	15	1601 Quarter 1+ Quarter 2 2024

It is important to note that respite services may not operate at full capacity due to client need, assessed risks and compatibility issues at any given time, therefore the number of available respite beds nights is subject to change.

There are no designated Physical and Sensory respite beds, for those clients applications are made to Nursing Homes as the need arises.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

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