



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

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary questions, which were submitted to this department for response.

**PQ: 40463/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the level of investment in day services since 2011 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

**PQ: 40467/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the average cost of providing day services for 2,500 people per year; 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/>



Currently over 19,000 people are in receipt of disability Day Service supports (excluding RT) at 1,091 locations around the country. These supports are provided by 97 service provider agencies.

## Funding

Funding for Day Services has increased year on year. Please see the table below.

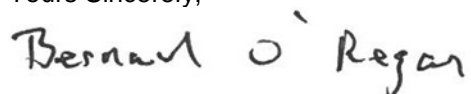
Service area	2018 Funding €000	2019 Funding €000	2020 Funding €000	2021 Funding €000	2022 Funding €000	2023 Funding €000
Funding Day Services	389,441	433,254	477,382	543,407	580,489	620,279
Total Funding Disability services	1,772,300	1,903,625	2,054,500	2,210,900	2,347,380	2,518,552

We do not have this level of detail for years previous to 2018, as we only commenced aligning the breakdown with the Estimates Process in 2018.

With regard to average cost, it is important to note, the cost of placements is dependent on the needs of each person. Placements for some people with higher support needs can cost over €90,000 and funding is provided for these placements subject to the profiling allocation review process.

The average full year cost of a new day placement is €32,615. The funding does not include the cost of multi disciplinary support, rent/lease of buildings and other requirements essential for many people.

Yours Sincerely,



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