



**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 Tully,

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: 34898/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the level of funding that is allocated to adult disability day service providers per individual attending the service; and the services that providers are required to deliver as part of their service level agreement; 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.

**Funding**

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

With regard to the level of funding that is allocated to adult disability day service providers per individual attending the service, it is not possible to give the level of funding per individual. Funding is provided to organisations for the provision of services and those organisations allocate the funding as required.



With regard to a day service place, 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.

## **Services Provided**

The HSE either provides, or funds non statutory agencies to provide Day Services and Rehabilitative Training services for people with disabilities.

Day Services are a key component of support services that enable people aged 18 and over 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.

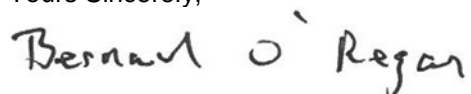
New Directions sets out twelve supports that should be available to people with disabilities using 'day services'. It proposes that 'day services' should take the form of individualised outcome-focussed supports to allow adults using those services to live a life of their choosing in accordance with their own wishes, needs and aspirations.

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Staff in each day location provides supports in line with the needs of the people attending. Activities and support offered include, but are not limited to, day programmes which are essentially a support and therapeutic service designed to meet the needs of people through individual plans. The environment is designed to maximise the functional levels of people. Day programmes provide a range of skills and activities such as independent living skills, personal development, education classes, social and recreational activities and health-related and therapy supports. The programmes assist people to make choices and plans and to be an active, independent member of the community.

Further information on *New Directions*, *Person Centred Planning* and the HSE's Day Services can be found at the following weblink: <https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/disability/newdirections/>

Yours Sincerely,



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