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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<sup>3</sup>, which were submitted to this department for response.

**PQ: 35727/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he has assessed the requirements for the provision of additional community hubs to provide for greater numbers of day service users, to reflect anticipated population growth, in line with Action A3.6 of the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026. -*

**PQ: 35728/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if the HSE has commissioned a review of the rehabilitative training programme, in line with Action A3.7 of the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026.*

**PQ: 35729/24**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if the requirements for capital investment in new day service locations have been scoped out by the HSE, in line with Action A3.8 of the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026.*

**HSE Response**

**Action Plan for Disability Services 2023-2026**

The Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026, sets out a three year programme designed to tackle the deficits highlighted in the *Disability Capacity Review to 2032*, which identified the demand for specialist community-based disability services arising from demographic change, and considerable levels of unmet need.



The Action Plan is designed to provide additional funding for developments that will help build capacity within services, so that the benefits of these funding increases will be felt directly by the service user. This will also help the HSE in dealing with some of the key cost-drivers in service delivery, such as high-cost emergency residential placements, giving greater flexibility and control when planning services.

This Action Plan is organised around three main high-level objectives and corresponding work streams:

Key objective 1 is concerned in the main with increasing service capacity so that future and present unmet need can be provided for by specialist community-based disability services.

Key objectives 2 and 3 are interlinked and are intended to refresh the overall reform agenda, progress strategic change to deliver efficiency, effectiveness and joined-up service provision and to improve management and monitoring capacity.

### Day Services

The Disability Capacity Review noted that day services are one of the key service areas impacted by demographic change, making continued investment in this area a key priority.

According to the Action Plan, the provision of day service supports for adults with disabilities over the period 2024-2026 falls into three categories:

1. Meeting the needs of school leavers and those graduating from Rehabilitative Training Programmes that have a requirement for a HSE funded day service.
2. Meeting the needs of those that acquire a disability or those that present later in life as requiring a day service.
3. Bringing equity to the service provided to those day service users that have been in service for over 10 years and whose funding does not facilitate the delivery of a New Directions Service.

With regard to the questions asked:

### Action A3.6 of the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026

The HSE has identified and estimated 6% year on year increase of young people leaving school and requiring HSE funded day services. Additional capacity places required 2025-2028

2025	2026	2027	2028
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Further analysis of accommodation requirements in line with the population growth will be undertaken in Q4 2024.

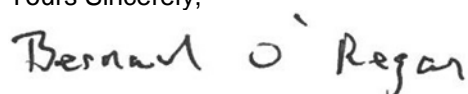
### Action A3.7 of the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026

The HSE commissioned Forvis Mazars to review Rehabilitation Programmes. The review was completed in Q3 2024 and the report is currently being considered by the Assistant National Director, National Disability Team, Access and Integration.

### Action A3.8 of the Action Plan for Disability Services 2024-2026.

The HSE is currently scoping this work which will be undertaken in Q4 2024. This will include developing an inventory of existing buildings, mapping existing and future requirements based on need, and promoting how we can access shared community places.

Yours Sincerely,



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