



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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25th September 2024

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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: 36217/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of adult disability day centre places provided in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, in tabular form.

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.

With regard to the question on the number of adult disability day centre places provided in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and to date in 2024, please see table on next page which gives the number of people in receipt of day services for the years 2020-2024



Year	Number of people with a disability in receipt of day services (December KPI)
2020	16,762
2021	17,734
2022	18,423
2023	18,963
2024	Approx. 19,300 (to date)

Yours Sincerely,

Bernard O'Regan

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