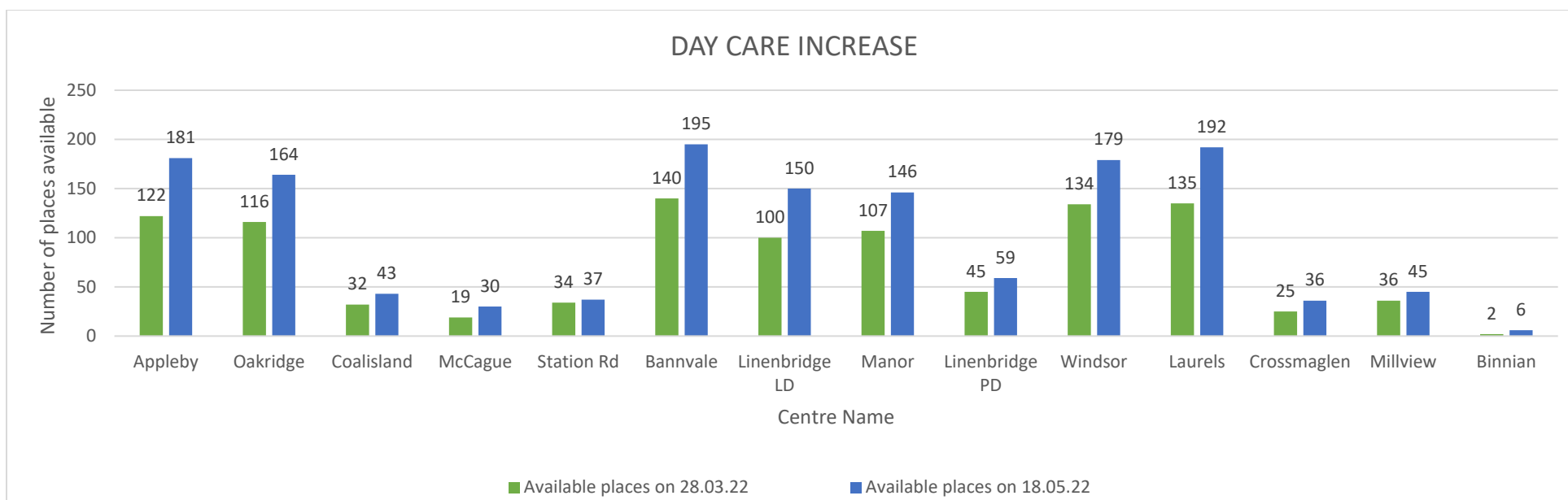


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- The Southern Health & Social Care Trust [SHSCT] has developed a Disability Day care rebuild plan with 10% weekly targets to increase day care places based on a risk assessment framework, the progress can be seen on the table below from 28.03.22 until 18.05.22
- In addition transport services have also increased capacity in recent weeks by risk assessment and reduction to 1 metre social distancing.
- Day care management and staff appreciate the support and patience of service users and carers as day care works to increase placements and move towards a full return of service.



Day centre places available on **28.03.22** are marked by the **GREEN** column and those available on **18.05.22** are marked by the **BLUE** column

This shows an **increase** as follows;

Armagh / Dungannon locality = 40.8%	Craigavon / Banbridge locality = 40.3%	Newry / Mourne locality = 37.9%
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## Recent changes within the SHSCT and Mental Health and Disability Directorate.

- Dr Maria O’Kane has been appointed Chief Executive of the SH&SCT.
- Jan McGall has been appointed Director of Disability services, Jan previously worked as Assistant Director of Mental Health Services.
- John McEntee has been appointed Interim Assistant Director Mental Health services
- Roisin O’Hare has been appointed Temporary Assistant Director Disability services

## The Disability Day Care Workstream

Has now been operational for 12 months. The workstream set up as a partnership between Trust, service user advocate and carer representatives have played an important role in increasing capacity within day care and transport services. Other service improvements progressed by the workstream have included representation to the Chair of the NI Assembly Health Committee on the critical need for rebuild of Oakridge Day Centre, Dungannon , the development of a quarterly newsletter for service users and carers, plus lobbying for more resources to expand day care accommodation across all localities within the SH&SCT.

## Update on Day care accommodation.

- Disability Services have recently leased a former private day care facility in Newry for an initial 12 months. It should be operational in June 22, this will accommodate service users who previously received day care from an independent provider, and will also assist with additional places for the day care rebuild plan.
- In addition, a bungalow situated adjacent to Windsor day centre in Newry is currently being renovated and will provide further day care accommodation for day care attenders. This is a very welcome development for the expansion and development of day care services.
- Disability day care services have also submitted requests for the provision of portacabin accommodation in the Armagh/Dungannon and Craigavon / Banbridge localities as part of an overall expansion & rebuild plan with the aim of increasing day care placements.

## Carers Corner

Learning Disability Carer consultants Majella Gorman and Bernadette Marshall welcome your suggestions for Day care service improvement by emailing as follows;

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- Carer Consultants continue to engage with carers virtually and have recently been hosting carers link in lunch engagement sessions to plan events for the month of June with a focus on carers week and Learning Disability week.
- Dates and times for these virtual events are currently being finalised and will be emailed out to carers in the coming weeks.
- For further information on these events or to get involved email/phone Majella or Bernie
- Sinead Campbell and Leonie Hudson Service User advocates are also available as follows;  
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