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Dear Deputy O'Loughlin

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 46641/18

To ask the Minister for Health the cost of respite care with a private company per night; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response

Respite Care

The HSE and funded Agencies provide respite care to children and adults with disabilities. Respite can occur in a variety of settings for various lengths of time, depending on the needs of the individual service user, the family and according to available resources. Respite is not always centre-based and can be provided in a number of ways, e.g. Centre based; In-Home; Home-to-Home; Family Support, etc. As a vital part of the continuum of services for families, respite helps prevent out-of-home full-time residential placements, preserves the family unit, and supports family stability with the service users at the centre.

The HSE is very much aware of the importance of respite service provision for the families of both children and adults with disabilities, including the impact the absence of respite service provision can have on other services.

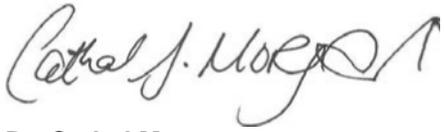
Costs

The specific detail regarding monies spent on private respite care are held by the local Community Healthcare Organisations. The HSE strives to meet all respite care needs and as a result private providers are engaged to deliver services. The cost of each episode of respite care provided is dependent on what inputs are required to meet the assessed needs of the individual, the environment and other available supports that may be available to that person.

The HSE's preferred provider list for services being provided by Private for Profit Providers has been designed to give improved transparency regarding the costings of services being provided by a CHO

area and also meets the requirements as set out within the Financial Regulations and procurement deliverables.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathal J. Morgan'.

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