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Mr. Shane Cassells, TD  
Leinster House  
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**Re: PQ 50236:** /To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of respite services for adults with disabilities in Athboy, County Meath.

Dear Deputy Cassells,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

I can confirm that a house was recently purchased by the Talbot Group and registered with HIQA for the provision of respite services to adults with Disability. The decision to proceed with the purchase of this house was done independent to the HSE and regrettably, Meath Disability Services does not currently have the available resources to fund a new respite service.

Midlands Louth Meath, CHO, as part of the Estimates Process for 2019 did seek funding to further develop the residential respite service in the county, regrettably however funding was not allocated this year to proceed with same. I can assure you that MLM CHO will continue to seek additional funding for residential respite in Meath and this will be included in Estimates Process for 2020. Should funding be allocated the HSE, in line with Financial Regulations will be required to engage in a tender process for the provision of a new service.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

Pat Bennett  
Chief Officer  
Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation