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Ms Niamh Smyth T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: PQ ref 7722/19 - Respite Cootehill - GMPQ8054**

*To ask the Minister for Health the alternative local supports being put in place due to the crisis situation at a centre (details supplied); the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to Respite Services in Cootehill. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cavan Monaghan Disability Services are providing an alternative form of respite to services users, due to the temporary closure of Annalee View Respite Service. At present, Day Care hours for child service users have been implemented over weekend periods. To date, 15 children have availed of these hours and parents have expressed their appreciation at these hours being provided.

With regards to adult service users, Day Care hours are in place for this weekend. Alternate day care weekends for adult/child service users will be in place from next week onwards. Overnight respite is currently being planned and information regarding same will be available as soon as possible.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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