



Anne Rabbitte T.D.,  
Dail Eireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

9<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

**PQ 29929/19**

**'To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocation for providing respite care in 2019; the amount drawn down to date in 2019; if funding will be utilised for providing respite care in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter'**

Dear Deputy Rabbitte,

I refer to PQ 29929/19 uploaded on the PAD System on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and due for response on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning 'the funding allocation for providing respite care in 2019; the amount drawn down to date in 2019; if funding will be utilised for providing respite care in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter'. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. I wish to apologise in the first instance for the late response to PQ 29929/19. The following response outlines the position.

Please see table below with the funding allocation for providing respite care in 2019 across CHO 2 and the amount drawn down to 31<sup>st</sup> May in 2019 by agencies in respect of the provision of respite care across the region: -


AGENCY	Respite funding drawn down YTD 31 May 2019	Amount of funding to agencies for respite in 2019
Irish Wheelchair Association	€274,521 (Please note this is the figure from Cuisle, the National Holiday Respite Centre based in Roscommon and relates to CHO2).	€658,850
Brothers of Charity-Roscommon	€482,802	€1,255,306
St Hilda's Services	€54,463 (On target given the high spending month ahead in August when Day service closes and St Hilda's have extended Respite services to cover days).	€133,120
Brothers of Charity-Galway	€1,317,399	€3,286,395
Ability West Galway	€1,473,130	€3,535,512
Western Care Association Mayo	€2,546,574	€2,546,574
<b>Total:</b>	<b>€6,148,889</b>	<b>€11,415,757</b>

Please note respite care involves the provision of alternative family or residential care for an individual in order to enable the Carer to get a rest, take a short break.

HSE Community Healthcare West is committed to delivering on our Service Plan commitments in 2019 including in the provision of respite care and this will be achieved within its allocated resources and budget.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

  
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