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RE: PQ 48869/19

Dear Deputy Scanlon

I refer to the above-mentioned Parliamentary Question.

Question

“To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide respite services on a seven day a week basis in the north west; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Eamon Scanlon T.D.

Answer

Residential respite for children and adults with an Intellectual Disability is provided in Tullaghan Respite Centre, through the RehabCare organisation, over five days per week. It is based on the allocated funding received from the Department from the provision of residential respite. The service operates from Monday afternoon through to Saturday morning.

Learning Disability Services have requested additional funding, through the 2020 HSE estimates process, in order to deliver a seven day service which will facilitate also facilitate weekend respite. The outcome of the request is awaited.

As an alternative form of respite, Sligo and Leitrim are continuing to build upon the Home Sharing respite service, whereby individuals accessing services may avail of a respite break with volunteer host families for short breaks, regular weekend breaks or for short periods during the day or evening. This service received alternative respite funding in 2018, which has facilitated the recruitment of number of new families which we hope to build on in 2020.

I trust this 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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