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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Eireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

RE PQ ref 40013/19: To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of services in a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Sruthan House, Dundalk Co. Louth

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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

Please see the conclusions from the consultation process for your information.

Sruthan House will remain open as a residential respite service.

The HSE in association the IWA and those who avail of respite services through the steering group will;

- Endeavour to increase capacity from 3 – 4 beds (within available resources).
- Endeavour to extend opening hours over 7 days
- Review the referral process
- Complete individual reviews with everyone using Sruthan House
- Will introduce a range of local non-residential respite options
- Will modernise residential respite into future
- Will develop Louth respite services in partnership with Meath

The Steering group will commence their work immediately and have a project plan in place in Quarter 1-Quarter 3 2020.

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