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Dear Deputy Murphy O'Mahony,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ 41923/19

To ask the Minister for Health the funding that will be provided in 2020 to build capacity and respond to the evolving needs of respite service users and their families overnight, in-home or day or sessional; and the full year cost of same.

PQ 41925/19

To ask the Minister for Health the additional residential and other services to persons with a disability in response to their priority needs are to be provided in 2020 in relation to the announcement on emergency protocols in Budget 2020; the cost of this in 2020; and the full year cost of same.

HSE Response

HSE Disability Services was allocated c. €1.9 billion in 2019. This funding is providing Disability Services throughout the country to children and adults with physical, sensory, intellectual disability and autism, including Residential, Day and Respite Services; Home Support & Personal Assistant Services; Early Intervention Services and Multidisciplinary supports for children and adults.

The HSE welcomes the announcement of an additional €25 million allocation to Disability Services in Budget 2020 and is currently agreeing the National Service Plan which will set out the detail of the level of service and supports that will be provided in 2020. The National Service Plan is due to be published in November.

Yours sincerely,

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