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**Re: PQ ref 42707/19 - DSPQ19072(2) - Residential Care Places W/L Counties  
Cavan & Monaghan - N Smyth**

Details

*To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential care places in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the number of persons on the waiting list for residential care in the counties; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Niamh Smyth*

Dear Deputy Smyth,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to the number of residential care places in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the number of persons on the waiting list for residential care in the counties and the length of time they have been waiting. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

There are 119 residential care placements in Cavan Monaghan Disability Services. There are 41 people on the residential care waiting list and they have been waiting for up to 3 years approx.

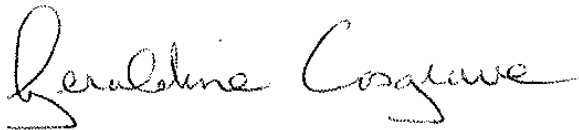
While the resources for the provision of Residential Care Services in Cavan and Monaghan are substantial, they are finite. The aim is to be as responsive as possible to all applications for Residential Care Services; however, given the changing demographics and limitation of the resource, delays can occur. In this context, those clients who are assessed and who are not being provided immediately with a service, are prioritised based on the clinical assessment and are placed on a waiting list for a place as it becomes available.

The number of people waiting for a place in Residential Care Services reflects a point in time. Those people who are on the waiting list are reviewed, as places become available, to ensure that individual cases continue to be dealt with on a priority basis within the available resources and as determined by the local front

line staff who know and understand the clients' needs, and who undertake regular reviews of those care needs to ensure that the services being provided remain appropriate.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geraldine Cosgrove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and a long, sweeping underline.

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