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To ask the Minister for Health when respite services can be expected to resume in St. Joseph's Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following outlines the position.

There are currently no short term/respite beds available at St Joseph's as residents from another residential care facility in Donegal were relocated into what was the short stay unit in April 2020.

However, when these residents are in a position to return to their original facility, the short stay/respite unit in St Joseph's will be refurbished in order to meet the required HIQA/legislative standards. This refurbishment will take approximately six months to complete, and when completed, the short stay/respite beds will be reinstated in St Joseph's Community Hospital.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Yours sincerely

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