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**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite hours provided to families in County Donegal over each of the past 12 months; the number that has been provided each month since March 2020; 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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The tables below outline respite hours provided in Donegal Disability Services for clients with an Intellectual Disability and a Physical & Sensory Disability for a 12 month period.

**Donegal Intellectual Disability Service Respite Hours  
provided to Adults & Children:**

Year	July	August	September	October	November	December
2019	4849	4690	4713	4718	4335	4951

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June
2020	4592	4480	3494	2933	2837	2431

**Donegal Physical & Sensory Disability Service Respite hours  
provision to Adults & Children:**

Year	August	September	October	November	December
2019	1368	1128	1200	960	960

Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
2020	1128	1128	648	0	0	124	530	1060

I trust this is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

**Frank Morrison  
Head of Social Care CHO1**