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Mr Brendan Smith T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

**Re: PQ ref 12571/20 - DSPQ19079(21) – Respite Services Adults & Children
Cavan Monaghan**

Details

To ask the Minister for Health when essential respite services will resume for children and adults in counties Cavan and Monaghan in view of the additional pressures on families due to cessation of such services arising from the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence received in my office regarding the resumption of respite services for adults and children in Cavan Monaghan. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Unfortunately due to the impact of the Public Health Emergency situation of COVID-19 virus, the service provided by Disability Services Respite Services to adults and children in Cavan Monaghan has been affected. This has resulted in respite services having to temporarily close at very short notice. All efforts are currently being made by all HSE services to maintain front line services with priority to emergency cases.

I can advise that Disability Services Respite Services will resume when it is safe to do so in line with Government Guidelines. HSE Respite Services Management for Cavan Monaghan are constantly reviewing the situation and will keep families fully updated.

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,

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