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To ask the Minister for Health the status of the home share respite project in the south-east; if the project is on schedule in view of indications by the head of HSE disability services for the south-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Funchion

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

As you are aware, the past number of months has been very challenging across Ireland in the context of COVID-19. While the South East Community Healthcare has made every effort to maintain our services throughout this time, there is a requirement to adapt our services to ensure the continued delivery of health services over the coming months.

As part of our ongoing efforts, it has been necessary to review all Projects currently underway in terms of accessing their feasibility in terms of public health guidelines. In this regard, it has been necessary to step down the Home Share Project at the present time. It is hoped that this important project can be resumed into the future.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Janette Dwyer'.

Ms. Janette Dwyer
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