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## Re: PQ ref 2888/20 - DSPQ19079(18) - Annalee Respite Care Centre

To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to deal with the ongoing respite crisis and the closure of a Annalee Respite Care Centre which is having a profound affect on families in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.- Niamh Smyth

Dear Deputy Smyth,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to Annalee Respite Centre Cavan. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

Unfortunately, I am not in a position to advise when Annalee Respite Centre will reopen.

The required remedial works to address the damage in Annalee View Respite Centre caused by a leak in the fuel transfer line have been agreed and it may take a year to complete works.

I can advise that HSE Cavan Monaghan Disability Services have now registered a new 5 bedroom respite facility (Killygowan Respite Centre) in Cavan with HIQA.

Commencing on a phased basis from 17<sup>th</sup> February, this centre is providing residential respite services for children and adults with a disability in the Cavan and Monaghan area for the remaining duration of the closure of Annalee View Respite Centre.

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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