

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

Deputy Danny Healy-Rae,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2.

**PQ Ref Number: 31510/20**

**“To ask the Minister for Health when a respite service (details supplied) will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter”**

**Details Supplied: the respite service Abhaile, Listowel, Co. Kerry, is currently used to accommodate an emergency situation, many people and their families who used this service are now left without any respite or help.**

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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

Abhaile is an overnight respite service run by Saint John of God Kerry Services. At present, this service delivers respite for five adults and twenty two children with disabilities.

At present, a service user is in residence within this location due to crisis/emergency presentation, which has resulted in the suspension of overnight respite services on a temporary basis. This situation arose in mid-August 2020.

The HSE have adapted an interagency approach to endeavour to secure a permanent placement for this service user which will also deliver the immediate reinstatement of this much needed overnight respite service.

CKCH Disability Services remain actively engaged in achieving a resolution for all involved and impacted, however it is not possible to give an accurate timeline at present.

All service users affected by the temporary situation have been offered respite in an alternative respite service in Kerry operated by SJOG inclusive of Children and Adults.

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely



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