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**To ask the Minister for Health if the respite hours available to users of the Carmona services in Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin have been reduced; if so, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Richard Boyd Barrett*

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

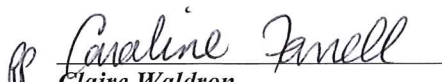
Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

I can confirm HSE Disability Services are liaising directly with Saint John of God Disability Services [SJOG] with regard to full resumption of services in line with Public Health guidelines. SJOG have resumed their respite services in Dublin South East but unfortunately this is at a reduced rate as a direct result of the current restrictions required during the Covid 19 pandemic and in an effort to practice safe social distancing. SJOG are striving to offer respite to the fullest extent possible whilst minimising risk.

Currently there are less respite hours offered to service users in an effort to minimise the level of contact between service users, some of whom would be categorised as high risk. SJOG are committed to supporting all service users with as much out of home support as possible and where overnight supports are not possible, they are providing extended day and remote supports. SJOG has communicated directly with all service users and their families with regard to changes to allocation of respite hours and their plans to work towards full service provision.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you but should you require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,


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