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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett
Dáil Éireann
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Re: PQ 59797/21 “To ask the Minister for Health if a tender for a respite service for young adults with autism in community healthcare east has been completed; if so, the details of the successful tender; the location of the service; the type of respite that will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

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 Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Disability Services have been allocated funding from the National Service Plan 2021 (NSP'21) for the development of a respite facility for persons with a disability within Community Healthcare East (CH East).

To ensure equity and fairness and probity in relation to public funding, Disability Services liaised with all agencies in CH East, requesting expressions of interest to develop a respite house in the area for this profile of adult service user.

Two applications were received, one was declined as its operating costs exceeded the funding allocation under the NSP '21, in regard to other application, the provider withdrew their application on the basis that they only wished to develop the respite service for their own dedicated service users which was not in scope with this NSP '21 development.

In an effort to utilise the very welcome additional funding, HSE CH East Disability Service are proceeding to develop the house under the auspices of our statutory residential and children respite services Southside Intellectual Disability Services (SSID). HSE will be the provider of the service and the house will be registered with Authority (HIQA) as a respite house for adult with a statement of purpose dedicated to persons with a diagnosis of autism.

Disability Services are committed to establishing this respite house and following the completion of the necessary renovations, registration and with the authority and the recruitment of staff, are planning for a commencement date in the early part of 2022 and all agencies will be



notified of progress with a view to supporting their service users to complete application forms via the Central Respite Referrals Committee for consideration and assessment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PMcEvoy', written in a cursive style.

Patricia McEvoy
Head of Service, Disability Service