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Deputy Ruairí Ó Murchú  
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**Re PQ - 60168/21 - To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the future of a centre (details supplied) in County Louth; the reason this essential respite centre has not reopened while other services have; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Ruairí Ó Murchú**

Dear Deputy Ó Murchú,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Due to NPHEAT advice and local risk assessment Louth Disability Services cannot deliver respite service at this location at this time. Outreach and alternate respite has been provided.

Service Users have also availed of respite with MS Ireland and MND Ireland based on individual choice.

Louth Disability Services are scoping an alternate building to deliver this respite service. Louth Disability Service hope to commence delivering this service in early 2022, depending on NPHEAT advice.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Officer  
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