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To ask the Minister for Health when respite services will resume in Killybegs Community Hospital, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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.

Having examined the matter, the following outlines the position.

Following the onset of the Covid pandemic, respite services had to be suspended at community hospitals in accordance with infection and prevention control guidance. The resumption of planned respite services is determined by NPHE / Public Health guidelines and COVID-19 risk assessment, and we are awaiting national guidance regarding recommencement of respite services.

In the meantime, additional funding has been allocated for Home Care Packages/home respite which may be accessed through the Home Care Service and the local PHN Service.

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

Yours sincerely

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