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Deputy James O'Connor, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 52120/21:
"To ask the Minister for Health when respite services will resume in Youghal Community Hospital, Youghal, County Cork".**

Dear Deputy O'Connor,

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.

As with many other Long Term Residential Care Facilities for Older People, bed capacity in Youghal Community Hospital was reduced to enable compliance with Covid 19 social distancing restrictions. The centre is currently at maximum capacity for residents, for whom this centre is their home, in line with existing guidelines and compliance requirements, including the requirement for capacity for isolation in the event of Covid 19 cases.

Bed availability and the opportunity to support those living in the community by providing access to respite services is managed and reviewed on an ongoing basis by the Person in Charge of the centre, and particularly in the case of emergency requirements, in liaison with the local Public Health Nursing service. Applications for the service are assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Person in Charge and facilitated where possible, while maintaining the safety of all residents of the Centre.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older People

