

11th November, 2021

Ms Carol Nolan T.D., Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2. Oifig an Príomhoifigeach, Eagraíocht Cúram Sláinte Pobail, Lár Tíre, An Lú, An Mhí Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, Oifig Cheantair, Bóthar Ardáin, An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí. **(: 057 9359787** *@: <u>CHO8@hse.ie</u> Office of the Chief Officer, Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation, Health Service Executive, Area Office, Arden Road, Tullamore, Co. Offaly **(: 057 9359787** * CHO8@hse.ie

Re: Parliamentary Question – 52475/21

To ask the Minister for Health when respite services will resume at a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. -Carol Nolan

(Details) - Riada House, Tullamore, County Offaly,

Dear Deputy Nolan,

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 I outline the position as follows.

Respite services have been suspended in Riada House due to COVID-19 as the respite beds are used for isolation purposes should an outbreak occur in line with Public Health measures. However, a Public Health Nurse assesses each individual requirement for respite on an on-going basis and respite is arranged in nursing homes as required.

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,

Des O'Flynn Chief Officer Midlands Louth Meath Community Health Organisation