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To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in the Inishowen peninsula, County Donegal for adults with disabilities; and if the HSE plans to increase the bed numbers.

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn

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 the following outlines the position.

The current situation regarding respite beds in Inishowen is that a number of service users are availing of respite in Riverwalk House, Carndonagh on a full time basis and there is no additional availability there at present. Alternative residential accommodation is actively being sought for service users and once identified, this will facilitate the reopening of Riverwalk House for respite for other service users and their families in the Inishowen area.

As an interim measure, Ballymacool Respite House in Letterkenny is being offered as an alternative location for priority respite requests for service users from the Inishowen area. Additional home support packages are also available to families who require support and these are reviewed and enhanced as required.

CHO1 Disability Services are awaiting confirmation of funding allocation for respite services in the 2022 National Service Plan, this is a priority for Donegal Disability Services.

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



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