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Re: PQ 48426/21

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of nurses and careers in Limerick city and county for facilities such as respite care units in the communities the lack of nurses is delaying the opening of such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy O'Donoghue,

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.

I can confirm that HSE Disability Services have not been advised by our Residential Respite Service Provider Partners of a deficit in the provision of Nurses and Carers in the Mid-West including Limerick City and County.

However we are aware of challenges in the Mid-West in relation to the provision of Personal & In-Home Supports due to the non - availability of qualified Personal Support Workers. I would like to assure you that we are working very closely with the Service Users, their Families and the Providers in seeking solutions to ensure continuity of service.

I trust this clarifies the situation but should you require any further information or clarification in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Maurice Hoare,
Head of Service, Disability Services