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**PQ 51876/21**

**To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to provide additional respite beds or houses for persons with a disability in Enniscorthy and throughout County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter.**

Dear Deputy Kehoe,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

*I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.*

South East Community Healthcare delivers a wide range of Disability Services including respite to children and adults residing in the South East.

As part of this service provision, South East Community Healthcare is committed to ensuring an equitable and fair approach to service delivery in line with resource allocation.

HSE Disability Services continue to fund three Section 39 agencies to provide HIQA Designated Residential Respite Services in Wexford as follows: St Aidans for adults and children, CWCWE adults respite and Ard Aoibhinn provide both regional adults respite and Wexford childrens residential respite services.

As part of a further national government investment in Respite Services it is planned that South East Community Healthcare will open a new regional respite house in Carlow/Kilkenny in December. Referrals for this service will be accepted from all areas across the South East including Wexford.

Respite may occur in a variety of settings for any length of time, depending on the needs of the family and available resources. It is not always centre-based and may be provided in a number of ways e.g. Out of Home, In the Home, Home Support and Family Support.

This year additional camps offering significant outreach support during school holidays and Saturdays for children and some adult activity based camps were provided. This support was dependent on client need and services available within current resources.

South East Community Healthcare will continue to work with our funded partners to provide Disability Services around the area.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anne Ennis', written in dark ink.

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**Ms. Anne Ennis**  
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