

6th October 2021

Deputy Pearse Doherty
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Parliamentary Question ref 46162/21 - To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to reopen the respite services at Drumboe House, County Donegal for children and young adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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.

There are a number of residents currently being provided with emergency respite in response to critical need in Drumboe House. It is not possible to provide any further respite to regular service users at this time.

Service users who have been identified as Priority 1 category, have been offered the option of availing of a service in Ballymacool Respite House. Home support packages have also been made available to service users as required and needs are kept under review.

Plans are being progressed at present to support the emergency placements required. It is not possible to provide a definite timeframe for the full resumption of service at Drumboe but 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.

Yours sincerely



Edel Quinn
Head of Service Disability CHO1
Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
Eagraíocht Chúram Sláinte Limistéar 1