

Community Healthcare West serving Galway, Mayo and Roscommon

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## PQ 47326/21

"To ask the Minister for Health the current status of respite provision in Galway city and county; when respite services in Galway city and county will be fully restored to pre-pandemic levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

**Dear Deputy Connolly** 

I refer to PQ 47326/21 uploaded on the PAD System on the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and due for response on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning "the current status of respite provision in Galway city and county; when respite services in Galway city and county will be fully restored to pre-pandemic levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that respite is provided by our Agency partners in Galway city and county. I have made contact with the Disability Services Manager for Galway who has advised me that Agency 1 is back to full respite capacity and Agency 2 will be back to full respite capacity by the end of October 2021.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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