

Mr Brendan Smith T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ ref 19057/22 - Respite Services Counties Cavan and Monaghan

Details

“To ask the Minister for Health when additional respite places for children and adults will be provided in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the measures that will be implemented in 2022 to improve services; and if he will make a statement on the matter” - Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence received in my office regarding the provision of additional respite services for children and adults in Counties Cavan and Monaghan and the measures that will be implemented in 2022 to improve services. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services currently provide respite services for adults and children in Annalee View Respite Centre, Cootehill, Co Cavan on alternative weeks. This facility had previously been closed due to major repair works required on site. Following the temporary closure of Annalee View, and throughout the pandemic, respite continued to be provided in a new location at Killygowan Respite Centre Cavan. The current budget allocation for Annalee Respite Centre in Cootehill is €875k.

Respite services for adults in the Cavan Monaghan catchment area are also provided in Steadfast House, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan. The current budget allocation for Steadfast House in Carrickmacross is €232,631.

Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo future plans for respite include provision of separate centres for children and adults and, in this regard, a submission was made through the HSE 2022 estimates process for funding to support standalone respite centres for children and adults. The funding allocation will be prioritised to the area of greatest need within the Community Healthcare area. Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo Disability Services will continue to identify through the estimates process in 2023 the need for additional funding for respite services and will continue to plan for an enhancement of respite options.

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

Yours sincerely





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