



Mr Brendan Smith T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

**Re: PQ ref 21267/22**

**“Respite Services for Children, County Cavan. *The Need to Provide a Dedicated Respite Centre in Cavan/Monaghan For Children With Disabilities. To ask the Minister for Health the proposals there are to provide additional services to reduce waiting times for children with disabilities for respite services; and if he will make a statement on the matter*” Brendan Smith TD**

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence received in my office regarding the provision of additional respite services for children in County Cavan and the proposals there are to provide additional services to reduce waiting times for children with disabilities for respite services. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services currently provide centre based 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.

In addition to centre based respite services, day respite programmes and funding support packages are also provided to children with disabilities and their families as part of the overall model of respite service provision.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edel Quinn'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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**Edel Quinn**  
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