

05th January 2023

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Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ 60203/22

To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in counties Monaghan and Cavan for children with disabilities; the proposals to increase these numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy

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.

Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) Disability Services currently provide centre based Respite Services for children from the Cavan/Monaghan area in Annalee View Respite Centre, on alternative weeks. The centre has the capacity to provide respite for up to 840 children per annum. However, due to the complex issues and additional needs of some children, this may be reduced.

CH CDLMS Disability Services' future plans for respite include the provision of additional centres for children and adults. In this regard, a submission was made, through the HSE 2022 estimates process, for funding to support additional respite centres for children and adults. The funding allocation will be prioritised to the area of greatest need within CH CDLMS.

CH CDLMS 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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