

02nd December 2022

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Leinster House
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Re: PQ 60207/22

To ask the Minister for Health the criteria outlined in the statement of purpose for children to be approved for respite care in counties Sligo and Leitrim; 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.

The Pathway by which to refer children for residential respite is via the Children's Disability Network Teams referral committee (Children's Referral Committee CRC).

The following is the Eligibility Criteria for Children's Respite Service:

- The child is known to the Children's Disability Network Team.
- The child is six years or older.
- Recommendations and approval for respite made by the CRC.
- HSE Respite Co-ordinator completes Determination of Needs assessment (DON) to determine level of need.

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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