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Deputy Michael McNamara
House of the Oireachtas
Leinster House
Dublin 2

RE: PQ Reference 60409/22:

To ask the Minister for Health if respite services have been discontinued temporarily at Ennistymon Community Hospital, County Clare? If so, what plans are in place to have the services fully restored given that the respite and short stay beds provide a lifeline for families and their loved ones; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

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Dear Deputy McNamara,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly back to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted to the Minister of Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I wish to confirm that Respite Services have been temporarily halted in Ennistymon Community Nursing Unit due to staffing deficits. Recruitment and retention of staff is an ongoing challenge. However, a recruitment campaign is currently ongoing and it is planned to resume the services in Quarter 1 of 2023.

I trust this information is of interest to you and should you have any further queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila Ryan".

Sheila Ryan
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