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“To ask the Minister for Health the current status of respite provision in Galway city and county; when respite services in Galway city and county will be fully restored to pre-pandemic levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Connolly

I refer to PQ 8054/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 10th February 2022 and due for response on the 28th February 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the current status of respite provision in Galway city and county; when respite services in Galway city and county will be fully restored to pre-pandemic levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that respite is provided by our Agency partners in Galway city and county. I have made contact with the Disability Services Manager for Galway who has advised me that all Agencies are back to full respite capacity. In this context, it is important to note that currently, due to a crisis situation, there is one child receiving temporary full time residential supports in a respite setting thus reducing respite available to other children and families. Community Healthcare West Disability Services is exploring every possible option to resolve the above situation so that the full quantum of respite that families were availing of in that respite setting can be restored. A new five bedded respite house for children with complex medical needs is due to open in Galway at the end of Quarter 2 this year and thus will increase respite services for children and young people across Community Healthcare West.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely



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