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Deputy Cormac Devlin Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

Re PQ 38763/22:

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on respite services in CHO6; when it is expected that services will resume to previous levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Devlin,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Disability Services note that no specific respite service provider is mentioned in this Parliamentary Question, however, Disability Services are aware that respite services have been and continue to be impacted by COVID-19. In addition to this, services are experiencing issues around recruitment and retention of staff.

I wish to assure you that all service providers are working towards resuming respite provision to previous levels, prior to COVID-19.

I trust that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

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