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**PQ 29480/22**

**To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds currently operational in Galway city and county; the locations of same; 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 29480/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and due for response on the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of respite beds currently operational in Galway city and county; the locations of same; 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. There are a total of 66 respite beds in Galway city and county spread across 29 locations as detailed below.

Agency	No of Beds Galway City	No of Locations	No of Beds Galway County	No of Locations
Agency 1	19	10	16	8
Agency 2	17	4	13	6
Agency 3			1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>15</b>

All beds, apart from one service location have reopened. The service has been unable to reopen due to staff recruitment issues but have accommodated respite in other locations which is having an impact on waiting lists. The HSE are actively supporting the agency regarding recruitment and plan to have the service reopened in Q3 2022.

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

Yours sincerely



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