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Ref: PQ ref 32751/22 – Respite Sacred Heart Hospital Castlebar,

Dear Deputy,

I refer to PQ ref 32751/22 uploaded on the PAD System on 17th June 2022 due for response on 4th July 2022, regarding details of Respite service for the elderly at Sacred Heart Hospital, Castlebar; the number of beds and average wait times for planned respite services. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Due to a reduction of beds in Rehabilitation, Respite has been suspended at Sacred Heart Hospital Castlebar. We cannot give an indication as to when Respite will resume at Sacred Heart Hospital Castlebar at this time. There are ongoing negotiations with SAOLTA regarding the return of St. John's ward which if reopened would allow for an increase of Rehab bed capacity. There are discussions regarding opening of respite beds at Swinford District Hospital for the summer period on a temporary basis.

I trust this response clarifies the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

Gerard McCormack
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