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**PQ/16180/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults currently waiting for respite services in County Mayo that include planned respite, overnight respite at home, regular part-time care at weekends, regular part-time care on alternate weekends and occasional respite; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

**PQ/16181/22**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the length of time that children and adults are currently waiting for respite services in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ/16180/22 and PQ/16181/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and due for response on the 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the number of children and adults currently waiting for respite services in County Mayo that include planned respite, overnight respite at home, regular part-time care at weekends, regular part-time care on alternate weekends and occasional respite and to ask the Minister for Health the length of time that children and adults are currently waiting for respite services in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. I wish to apologise for the late response to PQ/16180/22 and PQ 16181/22. 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 mainly provided by our Agency Partner, Western Care Association, in Mayo who have provided the following information in respect of respite.

**WCA Respite Waitlist:-**

Adult currently waiting for respite = 76  
Children currently waiting for respite = 22

Listed below are some of the factors and criteria that impact on the timeframe to access respite with WCA

- urgency of the request - an emergency will always take priority.
- currently providing emergency placements in Castlebar and Ballina
- adequate and safe staffing resource – current challenges with recruitment and retention of staff
- assessed level of need of the person
- capacity and suitability of the respite service
- suitability and compatibility of the person with existing users of the service
- availability of funding as maybe required
- impact of increased infection prevention control measures
- regulatory adherence to condition of registration and statement of purpose

In addition, CHW have two respite beds in the Cheshire Home and also a Respite House with Communicare. The respite referrals are either accepted or rejected by these agencies based on their criteria for same. They then liaise directly with the clients with respect to respite availability. They do not hold waiting lists.

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

Yours sincerely



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