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An Tulach Mhór, Co. Uíbh Fhailí.

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Ms. Carol Nolan T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: Parliamentary Question - 57036/22

To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by his Department to support and increase the provision of disability respite in counties Laois and Offaly;

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

The table below outlines the residential respite providers and locations for people with Disability in Laois / Offaly. This includes the new residential respite house at Ballycollin, Geashill, Co. Offaly.

Funding was secured to provide a residential respite service for adults with a disability from this property in 2022 and HSE Laois / Offaly Disability Services have been actively working over the past year to ensure that services are provided from this property in as timely a manner as possible.

The Muiríosa Foundation, commissioned to provide this respite service on behalf of the HSE has regrettably faced challenges with recruitment of staff which has had an impact on the opening of the additional respite house. To date fifty-one (51) people have been provided with a respite service from Ballycollin. Regrettably, in September, 2022 a bed blocking situation arose. The HSE and Muirlosa are actively working to identify a solution to reinstate the full operation of the respite service as soon as possible.

Service Provider	Location	Adult /Children	Number of Beds
Offaly CIL	Clochan House (provides services people with Physical and Sensory Disability for four midland counties)	Adults	5



RehabCare	Charleville Cottage (provides services for four Midland counties)	Adult / Children	4
GALRO	Teach Saoire provides for four counties of the midlands and CHO 7.	Adults	6
Muirlosa	Ballycollin, Geashill	Adults	4
Muirlosa	Mountrath	Adults / Children	4
Muirlosa	Arden Heights	Adults / Children	4

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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