

25th October 2022

Deputy Sean Sherlock
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 50182/22:

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in north and east Cork by institution and setting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Sherlock,

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.

As previously advised in our response to your PQ reference 32502/22 in relation to the number of respite beds available in the catchment areas of North and East Cork, details of the dedicated allocation of HSE respite beds in these areas are set out in the tables below (unchanged):

North Cork	Number of Respite Beds
Fermoy Welfare Home (HSE)	9
Nazareth House Mallow (contracted beds)	12
Teach Altra Newmarket (contracted beds)	1

East Cork	Number of Respite Beds
Cois Abhainn Youghal (HSE)	3
Care Choice Ballynoe (contracted beds)	10
Cobh Community Hospital (contracted beds)	3

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is committed to maximising all available supports, including respite services, to Older People in the region. A review of respite bed availability across the region is ongoing in order to identify potential areas where respite capacity can be improved and more closely aligned with demographic demand.

Refurbishment works are taking place in a number of our HSE residential units which may temporarily impact on bed availability (including respite beds) while works are on-going. In such circumstances, respite services may be available further afield for service users in these areas. Options can be explored and discussed with the Public Health Nursing service regarding referral.

I trust this clarifies the position. If you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jackie Daly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J' and a decorative flourish at the end.

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older People