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Ref: PQ ref 52327/22

The number of respite beds currently operational in Galway City and County - the locations of same; when respite provision will be restored to pre-pandemic levels.

Dear Deputy Connolly

I refer to PQ ref 52327/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 17th October 2022, due for response on the 1st November regarding respite beds currently operational in Galway City and County, location of same and when respite provision will be restored to pandemic levels. The following outlines the current position.

The following are the number of respite beds operational and location:

- Merlin Park is the primary designated respite centre for Co Galway and has thirteen respite beds available.
- Respite is also provided in Clifden District Hospital which currently has 12 beds that are used for step down convalescence and respite.

There is a significant demand for respite during peak holiday periods but once this period has passed the demand decreases significantly and not all available respite beds in 2022 have been taken up.

Yours sincerely



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