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Deputy Fergus O'Dowd
Dáil Éireann
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Re PQ 42325/22 - To ask the Minister for Health the total number of respite beds available in County Louth in each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, inclusive, inclusive in tabular form by year, number and location including disability and older persons services; the details of future plans to expand the number of available beds into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Fergus O'Dowd

Dear Deputy O'Dowd,

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 outlined the position as follows.

Given the growing demand for respite MLM CHO continues to seek additional funding to further develop the residential respite service in Co. Louth.

Louth Disability Services Residential Respite Beds

Service Provider	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
HSE Sruthan House (Physical & Sensory)	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3bedsClosed March 2020		
MyLife Claddagh (ID)	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds	3 Beds
MyLife Avenue (ID)				Opened Aug2018 4 Beds	4 Beds	4 Beds	4 Beds	4 Beds
MyLife Anam Chara (ID)								Open July 22 3 Beds
Rehab Maria Gorretti	5 Beds	5 Beds	5 Beds	5 Beds	5Beds	5Beds	5Beds	5 Beds
Praxis Arlee					4 Beds	4 Beds	4 Beds	4 Beds



Sunhill NH					1 Bed	1 Bed		
Carlingford NH							1 Bed	1 Bed
Total	11 Beds	11 Beds	11 Beds	15 Beds	20 Beds	20 Beds	17 Beds	20 Beds

Older Persons

Louth Services for Older People – Respite beds 2015-2022								
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Boyne View House	5	5	5	5	5	3	3	3
Moorehall Lodge	10	10	10	10	10			
St Oliver Plunkett Unit	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
St Joseph’s Ardee	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
St Joseph’s Warrenpoint	2	2	2	2				
Blackrock Abbey					2	2		
Spot Purchase Private Nursing Homes of Choice/Bed availability.								10

During 2020/21 due to the pandemic there was reduced demand for respite care.

A tendering process with the private nursing homes is under way to contract 9 designated respite beds for Louth.

This matter will be kept under review. 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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 Chief Officer
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