

8<sup>th</sup> May, 2023

Mr. Pádraig O’Sullivan, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 17612/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Health the number of permanent multi-annual funded residential beds for respite in CHO4; what plans, if any, there are for expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

Dear Deputy O’Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for response.

The number of permanent multi-annual funded residential beds for respite in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) is outlined in the two tables below.

**Respite Services: CKCH - Cork**

Registration_Provider	Title	County	Service Type	Adult/ Child	Full/Part Time	No of Respite Beds in Designated Centre
RehabCare	Bantry Respite	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	6
Enable Ireland Disability Services Limited	Ard na Mara	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	6
Enable Ireland Disability Services Limited	Lavanagh House	Cork	Respite	Child	Part-time	3
Doorway to Life Ltd	Abode Doorway to Life CLG	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	3
COPE Foundation	Overall	Cork	Respite	Adult	Full-time	8
					Part-time	13
COPE Foundation	Overall	Cork	Respite	Child	Full-time	8
CoAction West Cork CLG	Skibbereen, Bantry, Castletownbere Residential	Cork	Respite	Adult	Full-time	8
					Part-time	12
CoAction West Cork CLG	Dunmanway Residential	Cork	Respite	Child	Part-time	3

Brothers of Charity Services Ireland CLG	Garretstown, No.2 Heather Park	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	7
Brothers of Charity Services Ireland CLG	Ban Laoi, No.1 Heather Park	Cork	Respite	Child	Full-time	6
St Joseph's Foundation	The Comhar Centre Cooleens House	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	1
				Child		6
RehabGroup	Bantry Respite	Cork	Physical & Sensory	Adult	Part-time	6 Funded for 4
Praxis Care	Crobally House*	Cork	Respite	Adult	Part-time	4
Total Cork						<b>98</b>

\*Due to an emergency situation that arose in September 2022 requiring a full time service user residential placement, respite provision at this facility has been more limited and which has caused distress for service users that had availed of more regular respite. Disability Services has requested and are awaiting a proposal from Praxis Care to provide an alternative residential placement for the resident who is currently in Crobally Respite House. Once this has been received and if within available funding, Disability Services are aiming to progress the necessary works with a view to re-opening the Respite House to its full capacity. Unfortunately we do not have a definite timeline at this stage.

#### Respite Services: CKCH - Kerry

Registration_Provider	Title	County	Service Type	Adult/ Child	Full/Part Time	Number of Respite Beds in Designated Centre
Kerry Parents & Friends Assoc.	KPFA - Listowel - Tralee	Kerry	Respite	Adult	Full-time	8
St John of God Community Services Company Limited By Guarantee	Saint John of God Kerry - North - South	Kerry	Overnight Respite	Adults	Full-time	4
				Children		4
<b>Total Kerry</b>						<b>16</b>

#### Plans for expansion:

National Service Plan funding 2022: HSE Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Disability Services has applied funding to an approved proposal from Enable Ireland for an increase in Children's respite in the Lavanagh Centre, Curaheen, Cork. Lavanagh House currently offers 138 bednights. The new development will increase this provision by 690 bednights giving a total of 828 bednights. A total of 48 children (referrals through the children's respite forum) will benefit in a full year from this development. It will provide an overnight respite service at 6 nights per week (Mon-Sun) over 46 weeks. This will commence on a phased basis in May of this year and staff are being recruited currently to a total of 8.5WTE.

National Service Plan funding 2023: HSE Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Disability Services has since received its letter of allocation of new development funding under NSP 2023 and the funding for expansion of respite services to CKCH is less than 50% of the usual annual development funding



allocated to CKCH for respite services and no funding for residential respite. Undoubtedly this will impact on what can realistically be achieved within budget and in consideration of competing priorities for respite funding in both Cork and Kerry.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Disability Services continues to work with service providers to look at new proposals for increasing bednights in approved facilities throughout Cork and Kerry.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to me.

Yours sincerely,



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