

02nd February, 2023

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Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
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Re: PQ 5294/23

To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds that are available for adults with intellectual disabilities in the Cavan-Monaghan area; the number that are occupied at present; when extra respite beds will be made available during 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Tully

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 the following outlines the position.

Currently, Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) Disability Services are funded to provide centre based respite services, for both adults and children, in Annalee View Respite Centre. This centre can accommodate 35 adults per week on alternate weeks.

Respite services for adults only are also provided in Steadfast House Respite Centre in Carrickmacross Co Monaghan. The HSE has a Service Arrangement in place with Steadfast House to provide 840 respite bed nights. However, in 2022, the service provided additional funding to Steadfast House in order to procure 1065 bed nights.

CH CDLMS future plans for respite include the provision of additional respite centres for children and adults. In this regard, a submission was made, through the HSE 2022 estimates process, for funding to support an additional respite centre in the Cavan/Monaghan area. Funding allocations for the provision of new/additional respite beds will be prioritised to the area of greatest need within CH CDLMS.

CH CDLMS Disability Services will continue to identify, through the estimates process in 2023, the need for additional funding for Respite Services and will continue to plan for an enhancement of respite options.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edel Quinn'.

Edel Quinn
Head of Service Disability CH CDLMS
Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
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