

26th January 2023

**Deputy Claire Kerrane,
Houses of the Oireachtas,
Kildare St.,
Dublin 2.**

PQ Number: 3311/23

Representative Question: To ask the Minister for Health the respite options that are made available to patients being discharged from a hospital (details supplied); and the respite services available in this area. -Claire Kerrane

Dear Deputy Kerrane,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of representations in relation to the above query.

Portiuncula University Hospital (PUH) follow a discharge pathway that looks at the overall needs of the patient, whilst the first option to be considered would be discharge to the patient's own home, if this was not possible, the multidisciplinary team would determine if rehabilitation would benefit the patient, if so Community Nursing Units would be explored.

In the next instance convalescence or respite would be explored, respite beds are generally available in Private Nursing Homes within the Catchment area.

Respite Services available in the Area are not within the remit of PUH and might be best posed to Community Healthcare Organisational Office.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. James Keane
General Manager