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Catherine Murphy TD  
Dáil Eireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Ref: PQ 36162/23**

**Re: The number of respite beds currently available in County Kildare**

*“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of respite beds currently available in County Kildare for children with disabilities; and the proposals to increase these numbers..”*

**- Catherine Murphy**

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**Dear Deputy Murphy,**

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I requested a Business Manager in Disability Services to examine the matter and the following outlines the position.

Total number of respite beds is 104 (Table 2). There are currently no plans to increase these numbers at present. We have over the past 12 months added the after school service in Kildare and Dublin and overnight children’s respite service in Athy , Kildare and the adult overnight respite service in Kildare.

The number of respite beds nights and Service users availing of them currently in County Kildare for children with disabilities for the last 3 months listed are below in Table 1.

**Table 1**

Month	No of Respite Bed Nights Occupied	Number of Service Users Availing of Respite in the month
May-23	2396	520
Jun-23	2319	536
Jul-23	2428	517

**Table 2**

Maximum Respite Occupancy of Designated Centre (NB: No of Bed Spaces)	No of Active Respite Beds in Designated Centre. NB No of Bed Spaces	No of People availing of Respite in DC
104	103	974

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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