

23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023

Mr. Michael Healy-Rae, TD  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ: 12019/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the status of additional adult respite services in Kerry, and in particular in the Killarney area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”**

**Details Supplied: Minister Rabbitte and HSE Disability Management Team met on 9th February and I would like an update if there has been any progress made in relation to additional Adult respite services in Kerry and in particular Killarney area**

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare Disability Services will continue to identify and highlight the needs for overnight respite services in South Kerry. As advised in response to PQ 8313/23 if funding became available through the National Service Plan (NSP) to develop a second respite house for adults with an intellectual disability in South Kerry, the location would be carefully considered in terms of a feasible distance to travel to a new respite house.

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. 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.

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

Yours sincerely,



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