

24<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Pauline Tully T.D.  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 15773/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the reason that funding was not put in place to retain a respite centre (details supplied), as currently there is no provision of separate respite for children and adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

**Killygowan Respite Centre, Cavan**

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.

Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS0Disability Services currently provide respite services for adults and children in Annalee View Respite Centre, Cootehill, Co Cavan on alternative weeks. The service operates for 50 weeks in the year. It is a five bedded facility and can offer up to 35 bed nights a week.

Children’s Disability Network Teams in Cavan and Monaghan contract alternative respite day supports with Little Wonders, Castleblayney Monday to Friday afternoons inclusive, and from Kilbixy Day Services, Galro on Saturdays and Sundays.

Respite, for adults only, is provided in Steadfast House, Respite Centre in Carrickmacross Co Monaghan. CH CDLMS Disability Services have a funded service agreement in place with Steadfast House to provide 840 respite bed nights in Steadfast Respite Centre. However, in 2022, the Disability Services funded an additional 225 respite bed nights through agreement with Steadfast House and as such a total of 1065 respite bed nights were provided by Steadfast House.

Mountain View Physical & Sensory Respite Centre for Adults is due to open in Quarter 4, 2023. This respite centre is part of the decongregation plan for St Christopher’s, Cavan. This centre will provide a respite service to adults with physical and sensory difficulties.

Annalee View Respite Centre temporarily closed due to major repair works required within the building. During the temporary closure of Annalee View Respite Services CH CDLMS Disability Services sourced a provisional Respite Centre at Killygowan. When the repair work was completed Annalee View Respite Centre re-opened and the centre at Killygowan ceased with services transferring back to Annalee Respite Centre.



CH CDLMS Disability Services future plans for respite include provision of an additional centre and, in this regard, a submission was made through the HSE 2021 and 2022 estimates process for funding to support an additional residential respite centre. As you will understand any funding allocation is prioritised to the area of greatest need within the Community Healthcare area. It is now agreed with national HSE that CH CDLMS Disability Services will progress a residential respite development in the Cavan and Monaghan area. CH CDLMS Disability Services are currently exploring with HSE Estates a potential location for this new respite centre development in the area. This is a positive and very welcome development for Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services and the population it serves.

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'.

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**Edel Quinn**  
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