

24th April 2023

Brendan Smith T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 16002/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth when additional respite places for children and adults with a disability will be provided in Cavan/Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Smith

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.

Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services provide centre based Respite Services for adults and children in Annalee View Respite Centre on alternate weeks. The service operates for 50 weeks in the year. It is a five bedded facility and can offer up to 35 bed nights per week.

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

Respite, for adults only, is provided in Steadfast House, Respite Centre in Carrackmacross Co Monaghan. The Disability Services have an annual funded agreement with Steadfast House to provide 840 bed nights in Steadfast Respite Centre. However, in 2022, Disability Services an additional 225 respite nights by way of additional funding provision to Steadfast House. As such a total of 1065 respite nights were made available through 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. The respite centre will cater for adults with physical and sensory disabilities.

Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo (CH CDLMS) future plans for respite include provision of an additional centre in the Cava/Monaghan area. A submission was made, through the HSE 2021 and 2022 estimates process, for funding to support an additional respite centre. Any funding allocation is prioritised to the area of greatest need within the CH CDLMS area. It is now agreed that capital funding to provide an additional respite centre in the Cavan/Monaghan area will be progressed in 2023. A business case for this additional respite centre is in the process of being completed by Disability Services in conjunction with the HSE Estates department.



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, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', is placed on a light grey rectangular background.

Edel Quinn
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Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
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