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Deputy Darren O'Rourke,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Dublin 2.

**Re: PQ – 20690/23 To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on plans to increase respite for children and adults with disabilities in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Darren O'Rourke**

Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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 outlined the position as follows.

While there are requirements for additional respite capacity in all six counties of the CHO, Meath had been identified as a priority.

Business Cases were submitted to Minister Rabbitte for the development of both an additional adult and children's respite service in Meath from 2023 development funds.

CHO MLM recently received confirmation of the 2023 NSP. Revenue funding has been allocated for the development of disability respite services in CHO MLM, which will be utilised in Meath.

2023 revenue funding of 1.6 million has been recently allocated to CHO MLM Disability services for the development of additional respite. No HSE capital funding has been secured in 2023, service providers will be required to secure properties.

Through a thorough tendering process identified, service provider/s will be required to develop high quality services that can cater for the needs of children and adults, in two separate services / properties. Service Level Arrangements will be in place.

Commencement of new services may take up to one year as accommodation must be secured and brought up to HIQA standards, staff recruited and governance structures put in place by the service provider.



I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Broadbank'.

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Carole Broadbank  
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