



8th May 2023
Mr. Richard Boyd Barrett TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 22219/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide details of the reason a respite service (details supplied) is closed for three months; the replacement service that will be available for parents and carers in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details Supplied: Mulcahy Respite Services in Gorey (run by St Aidans)

Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which was submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Wexford Disability Services were advised on 28th April 2023 of the temporary closure of respite services in Mulcahy House. The Disability Team will work with St. Aidans to identify those children and adults for whom additional supports may be required and they will be prioritised for alternative supports subject to availability.

Wexford Disability Services will link with St. Aidans to try to resolve the current issue and plan for respite maximum capacity when the service re-opens in twelve weeks.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Anne Ennis
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