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Ref: PQ ref 24015/23 – “To ask the Minister for Health the future plans in place to increase bed capacity and resources for respite services in Mayo’ and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ ref 24015/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 16th May, 2023 due for response on the 6th June regarding representation you have made to the Minister of Health concerning future plans in place to increase bed capacity and resources for respite services in County Mayo and if he will make a statement on the matter. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you in this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that currently in Community Healthcare West Public Nursing Units there is more access to respite services than in 2019 prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. The service is being kept under constant review and the availability of respite services is prioritised based on need. Please note that anyone in receipt of the Carers Support Grant is automatically given a respite care grant which allows them to access respite in a Private Nursing Home.

I trust this response addresses the matter you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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