

13<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Mr. Matt Carthy, T.D.,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2.  
D02 XR20

**Re: Forwarded PQ ref 26035/23 - DSPQ19079(42) - Provision of respite services for children with disabilities in County Monaghan**

Details

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth his plans to provide respite care services for children with disabilities in County Monaghan.*  
– Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to plans for the provision of respite care services for children with disabilities in County Monaghan. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Director of Nursing (DON) for Disability Services Respite Services has advised that Cavan Monaghan Disability Services currently provides up to 35 overnight respite supports to children on alternative weeks. Community Healthcare Cavan Donegal Leitrim Monaghan Sligo's (CH CDLMS) future plans for respite include the provision of additional respite centres for children.

The Cavan Monaghan area has been prioritised in 2023 as an area of need in relation to overnight residential respite for children. In anticipation of a positive response from HSE National Estates, CH CDLMS Disability Services completed a submission to secure a residential respite centre property and a decision on funding for this property is expected to be received from HSE National Estates in September 2023.

CH CDLMS Disability Services are currently working on a revenue business case submission for the running of the proposed new facility and this will be escalated to national HSE under the estimates/budget submission process when complete. It is anticipated that €1.4 million will be required annually to run the proposed children's respite centre.



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', written in a cursive style.

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**Edel Quinn**  
**Head of Service Disability CH CDLMS**  
**Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas**  
**Eagraíocht Chúram Sláinte Limistéar CDLMS**