



26th September 2023

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

Re: PQ ref 39646/23 - DSCNPQ23141 - Children's Night Respite

‘To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of children with disabilities on waiting lists for overnight respite care in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the number of those who currently receive respite care but who require more nights; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question in relation to respite care for children with disabilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

At present, Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) Disability Services have one Respite Centre, Annalee Respite Centre, Cootehill, County Cavan, which caters for children. This is a five bedded unit that caters for adults and children on alternate weeks from counties Cavan and Monaghan. Each alternate week there are between eight and eleven children who avail of between one and four respite nights, depending on the assessed individual needs of each child and his/her family.

The Disability Services Manager has advised that there are currently thirty three children availing of respite nights in the Annalee Respite Centre, Cootehill, County Cavan, and all of the families of these children are seeking additional respite nights. There are a further fifty seven children on the waiting list for respite. Alternative respite support in the form of after school and weekend services are also provided to children with disabilities and their families.

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,

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