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Ms. Kathleen Funchion TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
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PQ 13630/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth when respite beds will be available for residents of SOS in Kilkenny (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Funchion,

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.

SOS plan on opening a Respite House in Kilkenny. Renovations (cosmetic) were completed on 12th April 2024. A HIQA inspection was scheduled for 24th April 2024. Following this inspection registration will be given once they are satisfied with the house. When registration is sanctioned admission to the Respite House will be imminent. Respite in Kilkenny will be initiated at two days per week and will extend as the service grows.

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. Karen Fitzgerald
General Manager – Adult Disability Services
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