

22nd July 2024

Ms Pauline Tully T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ ref 15094/24 – Respite places available in Cavan-Monaghan area from 2021 to date in 2024 for patients aged under 65 years old, in tabular form

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the number of respite places available in Cavan-Monaghan area from 2021 to date in 2024 for patients aged under 65 years old, in tabular form.” – Pauline Tully

Dear Deputy Tully,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Disability Services Manager has advised the following in response to your question;

Respite places available in Cavan-Monaghan area from 2021 to date in 2024 for patients aged under 65 years old

Respite Unit	Annalee Respite Adults Beds	Annalee Respite Children Beds	Steadfast House Respite Beds
Number of Beds 2021	5 beds on alternate weeks	5 beds on alternate weeks	4 beds for 840 bed nights
Number of Beds 2022	5 beds on alternate weeks	5 beds on alternate weeks	4 beds for 840 bed nights
Number of Beds 2023	5 beds on alternate weeks	5 beds on alternate weeks	4 beds for 840 bed nights
Number of Beds 2024 YTD	5 beds on alternate weeks	5 beds on alternate weeks	4 beds for 840 bed nights



A Submission for Capital Funding to support the development and delivery of a Children's Respite Centre in Co Monaghan was approved at February's National HSE Capital and Property Steering Group meeting. HSE Estates North East continue to work with Disability Services in the local service area and have identified a suitable premises/site in Co Monaghan. This process is at the contractual phase, and once purchased HSE Estates will then complete a significant capital project to extend and refurbish the property to deliver a five-bedroom residential respite facility. The respite centre will need to meet the required standards for respite, as will be assessed by the Health and Quality Authority (HIQA) in order to operate as a registered residential respite centre.

Further to engagements with the National HSE Disability Operations, a commitment was secured for funding to progress an interim, two year residential respite service for children in County Monaghan pending the development of the new HSE facility. The Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services Management Team has completed a process to identify a provider. Talbot Group is the successful provider and has commenced work on its detailed project plan which will be supported and monitored closely by Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) Disability Services Management Team. A property has been secured and the legal and contractual stage is completed. The interim respite service will be operational by the 1st October 2024.

Steadfast House in County Monaghan provides respite care to adults and operates under a contracted Service Arrangement with HSE CH CDLMS Disability Services. Steadfast House has been funded by the HSE to deliver 840 respite bed nights per annum. Further to a recent successful business case submission supported by Cavan and Monaghan Disability Services, Steadfast House will now be in a fully funded position to provide up to 1500 respite bed nights.

Mountain View is a new four bedded adult physical and sensory respite unit in Cavan town, due to open in Q3, 2024. This development is very welcome as there is a demand for same in the Cavan and Monaghan area and the new dedicated respite centre will assist in averting short term admissions to nursing homes for adults under 65 year, with a physical and sensory disability, who require respite support.

The Cavan Monaghan Disability Services management team in conjunction with HSE Estates North East have prepared and submitted Capital Submission documents for the June National HSE Capital and Property Steering Committee meeting to provide for a standalone respite centre for adults with an intellectual disability in County Cavan. This development, if approved, would ensure that there are standalone Residential Respite Centres for adults in both the Counties of Monaghan and Cavan and standalone Residential Respite Centres for children in both counties.



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 that reads "Denise Curran".

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