

9th April 2024

Mr Brendan Smith T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 8188/24

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth when a respite centre for adults will be provided in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.– *Brendan Smith*”

Dear Deputy Smith,

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.

In relation to Respite Services for adults in County Monaghan, I can advise that there is one respite house in Carrickmacross, namely Steadfast House. Steadfast House delivers 840 nights respite per annum, as per the funding available to the HSE Disability Services in Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) and as set out in the Service Arrangement in place between Steadfast House and the HSE. Planned respite at Steadfast House is arranged for the year in agreement with HSE Disability Services with ongoing meetings throughout the year. Steadfast House also provides emergency respite cover for urgent cases.

Steadfast House has submitted a Business Case to the HSE proposing to increase the amount of respite to 1500 nights per annum. This is currently being considered by national HSE Disability Operations and if funding is approved this would allow for additional adult respite to be delivered by Steadfast House, County Monaghan.

An overnight respite service is also available at a HSE Respite Centre, Annalee House Respite Centre, situated in Cootehill, Co. Cavan, and provides respite care to children and adults residing in County Monaghan as well as County Cavan. Annalee House Respite Centre operates as a five bedded unit, providing residential services to adults and children on alternate weeks. During these alternate weeks, between twelve and fifteen adults benefit from respite. The number that can be catered for in a given week will vary depending on the needs of those accessing the service. The level of respite provided is based on the individually assessed needs of each adult and their family.



Unfortunately, due to the accommodation limitations of Annalee House Respite Centre, it is not possible to provide respite to all adults who require it and a managed Respite Service waiting list is in place.

Mountain View is a new adult Physical and Sensory Respite unit in Cavan town due to open in Quarter 2, 2024. It is currently funded for two beds and a business case is currently being prepared by CH CDLMS Disability Services to seek additional funding for a further two beds to become operational at Mountain View.

Home Based Respite Support Direct Payment Grants are offered and provided to adults and their families in County Monaghan. While families can access the HSE Home Support Services, there are instances where the service may not fully meet the specific support needs.

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'.

Edel Quinn
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