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**Re: PQ 8506/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth whether it is intended to provide extra funding to the HSE in Galway city and county to provide for extra respite services for young people and their parents that have serious intellectual disabilities or are autistic, or both, and where a clear need for these services has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy O’Cuiv

I refer to PQ 8506/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and due for response on the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning “whether it is intended to provide extra funding to the HSE in Galway city and county to provide for extra respite services for young people and their parents that have serious intellectual disabilities or are autistic, or both, and where a clear need for these services has been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that respite for children and young people is provided by our agency partners in Galway city and county. Their admission criteria does not provide for respite for children without an intellectual disability. Community Healthcare West Disability Services is looking at providing respite for this cohort of children in 2024 and are in discussion with a number of service providers.

Please be assured of our best efforts at all times.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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