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Deputy Danny Healy-Rae. T.D.,
Dáil Éireann
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PQ ref 32741/24

"To ask the Minister for Health if the respite services in Cahersiveen, County Kerry can be increased, as currently respite services are available at weekends only; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Provision of respite is recognised as hugely important for carers as it offers an opportunity to take a break from the stresses of caring. Respite for older persons is normally pre-planned and allocation is managed by our colleagues in the Public Health Nursing service. Admissions are co-ordinated on an ongoing basis between hospital management and Public Health Nursing departments in order to ensure the greatest possible access and to address the highest needs presenting in the community.

Respite care services are available in Caherciveen Community Hospital in blocks of one or two weeks at a time which are booked in advance in consultation with the Public Health Nursing Service. Persons availing of planned respite services at the hospital are admitted on a Monday afternoon and are discharged the following Monday morning.

I trust this clarifies the position and if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Jackie Daly
Head of Service for Older Persons

