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27th November 2024

Dear Deputy Gould,

The Heath 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.

PQ Ref 45724/24

“To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests for respite, to date in 2024; and the number refused.”

Residential respite care services for Older Peoples are provided through a combination of public and private nursing home beds across the country.

Please see below Table outlining the collated information with figures gathered from all 9 CHO areas.

2024 (Up to 31/10/2024)	
No of Requests for Respite to date 2024	No of Requests for Respite refused to date 2024*
4473	404

*Refusals of requests for respite can come either from the service users or from the HSE.

Reasons for refusal of respite by the HSE include:

- Admission restrictions
- Staffing Challenges
- Lack of availability on specific dates or occasions.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

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