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*“To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for respite care made in Donegal over each of the past 18 months, detailing whether that application was facilitated or not and the reason for those not facilitated, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

Dear Deputy Doherty

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.

Please see table below detailing the total number of applications for respite to Donegal Older Persons Services in the past 18 months; the number facilitated for respite; the number not facilitated; and the reasons for non-facilitation.

Community Hospital	No. of respite requests	No. facilitated	No. not facilitated	Reason for non-facilitation
Carndonagh	89	71	18	-11 clients refused -7 clients required long-term care
Buncrana	64	49	15	-1 client declined -1 client wished to go home -Covid outbreak -Staffing issues -Cancelled due to bed shortage in LUH & facilitating discharges
Falcarragh	31	10 Further 13 offered in forthcoming months.	8	-Admissions closed due to refurbishment until September 2024. -8 declined
Dungloe	134	123	11	-Beds offered to acute hospital to



				reduce delayed discharges
<b>Donegal Town</b>	68	58	10	-Covid 19 outbreaks
<b>Killybegs</b>	123	114	9	-Clients declined respite at private nursing home. -Admissions now closed due to fire upgrade works.
<b>Ramelton</b>	46	42	4	-Covid 19 outbreak -Family refusal -Cancelled by client
<b>St Joseph's</b>	93	80	13	-Clients declined respite in private nursing home.

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

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