



18th February 2025

Deputy John Brady,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ Ref: 2542/25 – “To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the reason a respite care facility (details supplied) has closed; when the facility will reopen”

Details Supplied: Bakers Corner Respite House, Pottery Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co Dublin

Dear Deputy Brady,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Since December 2024, the HSE Disability Service has been managing an emergency situation that required our immediate attention. As part of our responsibilities, the Disability Service had to take over a service to ensure care continued smoothly for a service user. To manage this situation, temporary reassignment of staff from the above respite service was required to ensure service continuity.

The HSE Disability Service understands that the temporary closure of this respite centre has affected the commencement of respite services for service users. Every effort is being made to resolve this situation as soon as possible and to source staff to ensure operational needs are in place to reopen this respite service.

The Disability Service sent correspondence to service users and their families on the 21st January 2025 and will continue to share information to those affected when reopening information including timelines is available, the HSE are hoping the transition process can begin again in the coming weeks.

The HSE apologises for any distress caused to service users and their families.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Kind Regards,

**Claire Waldron
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Disability Services**