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Minister Thomas Byrne T.D.

Leinster House,

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**Re: PQ 37355/25 - To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; the number of respite services in County Meath available for adults aged 18, with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities, and if there are plans to increase respite services in County Meath – Thomas Byrne**

Dear Minister Byrne,

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. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

Please see the current services available to adults aged 18 with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities and the new development due to open in July 2025.

Meath Disability Services Respite for Adults				
Service Provider	Location	Adult/Children	Beds	Capacity
<b>Na Driseoga,</b>	<b>HSE</b> Respite Service Commons Road Navan Co Meath	Adults	6	Open 7 nights per week. Currently 79 service users accessing. 85 service users on a wait list
<b>Talbot Services</b>	Bower House Balbriggan Dublin	Adults with complex ASD, Challenging Behaviour, ID)	3 shared between Louth & Meath	Open 7 nights. Currently 22 adults access this service. Waiting List in situ
<b>My Life</b>	New Adult Respite Service in Development. Due to open in July/August 2025.	Adults	5	Open 7 nights per week, 362 days per year. Planning for 1810 bed nights per year.

Service Provider	Alternative Respite Model
<b>Positive Futures/Mo Shaol Home share and Short Day Break Respite Adult Services</b>	<p>Mo Shaol home shared respite model was developed by Meath Disability Services in partnership with Positive Futures in 2018 following the successful application for funding via the Service Reform Fund. This was a two (2) year Genio project which was extended until April 2021 due to Covid 19. The service is now being funded by Meath Disability Services and the budget associated with this service is approximately €129,000.</p> <p>The model involves host families being recruited and matched to support service users with respite.</p> <p>There are currently 17 active short break placements. At present there are 7 adults on a waiting list for services.</p>

#### **New Development: Mylife Services, Jamestown, Bohermeen, Co. Meath**

Following extensive communications, business cases were submitted to the Minister for Disabilities office requesting additional funding for respite services in Meath.

The National Service Plan 2023 confirmed revenue funding of €1.6 million had been allocated for the development of additional disability respite services in CHO 8, with Meath as the priority area.

Following a national procurement process, interested providers were invited to submit tender documents for the development of both services as individual lots.

In May 2024, following a lengthy process, two Service Providers were selected to develop the services, with contracts being issued in June 2024.

MyLife were the chosen provider for the development of the Adult's Service The premises is located in Jamestown, Bohermeen, Co. Meath.

Jamestown will provide respite to adults, with intellectual and physical disabilities. The service will also provide for adults with Autism and Complex Needs along with behaviours that may challenge. The service has 5 beds within the main house and an additional single occupancy stand-alone unit that will facilitate those with complex needs while not impacting on the overall capacity of the main house. Jamestown will open 362 days per year, with capacity for up to 1810 bed nights.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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