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Re: PQ Ref: 44117/25 – “To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she will provide an update on the status of respite funding for adults with intellectual disabilities and autism in Dublin Rathdown.”

Dear Deputy Gibney,

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.

HSE Response

Respite care is currently provided by both HSE & funded Agencies across the Integrated Healthcare Area Dublin South Wicklow (IHADSW) for adults that live in the Dun Laoghaire Rathdown area.

Current Respite provision is a mixture of overnight centre-based respite, in home respite, holiday breaks, day respite or extended day respite. Respite continues to be an important provision to support individuals and their families.

The IHADSW provides funding in the region of € **7,929,748** to support a range of respite services, including adult designated respite centres, holiday respite, and alternative day respite. These services span the full spectrum of physical, sensory, and intellectual disabilities.

Since 2021, a population needs-based approach has guided the development of respite services under the National Service Plan (NSP). Key developments include:

- The opening of the HSE-designated respite centre “Bakers Corner”, which offers overnight respite for adults with Autism and Intellectual Disability (ID).
- The establishment of a children’s day respite service in Wicklow.
- An ongoing procurement process to develop an intensive shared care designated respite centre.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Kind Regards,

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