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Aidan Farrelly TD
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Ref: PQ 29376/25

Re: Respite – County Kildare

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the number of children with disabilities on waiting list for overnight respite care in County Kildare; and the number of those who currently receiving respite care but who require more nights, in tabular form.”

- Aidan Farrelly

Dear Deputy Farrelly,

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

In response to the request for the number of children with disabilities on the waiting list for overnight respite care in County Kildare, and the number currently receiving respite who require additional nights, please see the table below as requested.

The only respite centre the HSE directly refer children to in County Kildare is Ardsclull Respite Service (KARE). In addition, while located outside of County Kildare, we also refer some children to Breffni Respite Service in Portarlinton, Co. Laois.

It should also be noted that SJOG, KARE, and Stewarts are Section 38 agencies providing children's respite services. However, these services are managed internally and are aligned with specific schools. As they operate independently and are not within our referral pathway, we do not have oversight of or access to data for these services.

	The number of children attending overnight respite (in 2025)	The number of children on respite centre waiting list	The number of children attending centre but requiring additional nights
Alexandra Manor (SJOG) - Clane, Kildare	25	3	11
Ardscull (KARE) Athy, Kildare	41	5	5
Breffni (Galro) Portarlinton, Laois	32	6	5
Dochas Lodge (Stewarts) Straffan, Kildare	46	N/A	N/A
Cluain Alainn (KARE) Kildare	27	N/A	N/A

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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