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Re: PQ ref 30640/25

*"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if her Department will provide urgent nurse-led respite care services for children with complex need in Laois;*

Dear Deputy Aird,

I refer to your recent correspondence referenced above and outline below the current situation in relation to nurse-led respite care services for children with complex need across Laois and Offaly.

There are currently three (3) overnight respite services available to children with disability in the Laois / Offaly area, one of which is a nurse led service. I can however confirm that all of these respite services have access to a Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) team who support the respite team in providing safe, effective services and have the ability to cater for a number of clinical needs such as Epilepsy, Enteral Feeding, Diabetes Care, Asthma, Allergies and the administration of medication.

I trust the above is in order and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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