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Deputy Matt Carthy T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 32677/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the new services for children with special needs in County Monaghan for which funding was sought for delivery in 2025; the funding sought for each initiative or project; the funding allocated to each to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter.” – Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Monaghan Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) has advised as follows:

New Services for Children with Special Needs in County Monaghan		
Initiative or Project	Funding Sought in 2025	Funding Approved in 2025
Kilbixy Saturday Club	€ 240,720	€ 240,720
Kilbixy Summer Camp	€44,800	€44,800
Sensory Initiative – sensory pod	€10,682	€10,682
Little Wonders Summer Camp	€32,000	€32,000
CDNT Summer Pilates classes (equipment)	€1,817	€1,817

Since the beginning of July 2025, the following vacant posts were recruited in Monaghan CDNT and the new employees will commence in the coming weeks:

- Staff Grade Occupational Therapist 1.0 WTE
- Grade IV Administrative Assistant Staff Officer 1.0 WTE

Monaghan CDNT has been allocated the following post through the HSE National Service Plan (NSP) 2025 process:

- Staff Grade Occupational Therapist 1.0 WTE. This post is currently in the recruitment process.

HSE Estates North East and Disability Services in the Cavan Monaghan service area have identified a premises for sale suitable for the purposes of renovation to develop a HSE respite centre for children. The purchase transaction has been approved and completed. The keys of the premises have been transferred to HSE Estates North East. The premises is located at Drumbear, Ballybay Road, Co. Monaghan. HSE Estates North East have appointed a design

team. HSE Estates will then complete a capital project to prepare the property to deliver a four bedroom residential respite facility with a one bedroom self-contained apartment. HSE Estates North East have advised that this project should be completed in Quarter 1, 2026. In order to legally operate as a registered residential respite centre, the facility will need to meet the required standards for a designated respite centre, which is assessed and determined by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA).

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

Yours sincerely,

Edel Quinn

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