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Deputy Matt Carthy T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ ref 32678/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the new services for children with special needs in County Cavan for which funding was sought for delivery in 2025, the funding sought for each initiative or project and 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 Enable Ireland Cavan Children's Disability Network Manager (CDNM) has advised as follows:

New Services for Children with Special Needs in County Cavan		
Initiative or Project	Funding Sought in 2025	Funding Approved in 2025
Wellness Coaching Course for parents of children accessing CDNT services	€2,800	€2,800 approved through Lottery Funding
Afterschool Respite Service Cavan for children accessing CDNT services	€175,371.93	Business case submitted.
Kilbixy Day Respite Service Cavan CDNT - School Holiday Respite	€84,960.00	Funding approved for 2025
Kilbixy Day Respite Service Cavan CDNT – Weekend Respite	€114,920.00	Funding approved for 2025

The Children's Disability Network Team in County Cavan is an Enable Ireland led service as per contractual arrangement in place with the HSE. The Enable Ireland Human Resources services are responsible for recruitment to the Cavan Children's Disability Network Team.

The Enable Ireland Cavan CDNM has advised of the following recent posts accepted, all of which are in the final stages of recruitment and the start dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

- Staff Grade Occupational Therapist 1.0 WTE
- Senior Physiotherapist 0.5 WTE
- Senior Psychologist 0.9 WTE

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

- Senior Social Worker 0.5 WTE. This post is currently in the recruitment process within Enable Ireland

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 in both Counties Cavan and Monaghan. 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). This development will increase the capacity to deliver additional respite services to children who will largely be from County Cavan with children from County Monaghan attending the new service in Monaghan. Understandably some children and families wish to continue with the current service location and this will be accommodated.

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,

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