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Deputy Carol Nolan, Dail Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 22271/25 – The reason there is no availability for the provision of respite care for elderly patients in Offaly; the reason elderly persons in need of such care continue to have to travel out of the county to access such services.

Dear Deputy Nolan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

Respite provision continues to be available for older people in Offaly and is provided in Birr Community Nursing Unit (CNU), Riada CNU, Moate Nursing Home, Eliza Lodge, Banagher, Ofalia House, Edenderry and Sancta Maria, Kinnegad.

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

Yours sincerely,

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