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Mr Matt Carthy T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 24421/25 - Respite Services for Adults in County Monaghan

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the current provision and location of overnight respite care for adults with disabilities in County Monaghan; the plans and timeframe for additional capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter.” - Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

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

The HSE Community Services, Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo, (CS CDLMS) provide Disability Services in Cavan and Monaghan in line with its allocated budget from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE) which is informed by the HSE's National Service Plan. Similarly, capital developments for Disability Services are progressed in line with the national HSE Estates programme as per the Disability Services capital budget made available through DCDE.

Please see below information on respite services for adults with disabilities from Monaghan:

Steadfast House:

There is an overnight adult respite centre in County Monaghan, Steadfast House. This is a HSE funded Section 39 provider which had been funded under its Service Arrangement with the HSE to deliver 840 respite nights per annum to adults as per the funding available to HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services. Following the submission and subsequent approval of a proposal for additional respite funding under the National Service Plan in 2024 for an increased respite service, Steadfast House is now being funded by the HSE to provide 1500 respite nights per year. As such Steadfast House has been operational seven nights per week since 2nd of September 2024.

Annalee House Respite Centre:

Whilst Annalee Respite Centre is based in County Cavan, this centre, which is operated by HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services, is a five bedded unit that caters for adults and children from Counties Cavan and Monaghan with children and adults attending on alternate weeks. On alternate weeks there are between thirteen and fifteen adults who avail of respite depending on their assessed individual service needs.

Mountain View Respite House, Cavan:

Mountain View is a new four bedded adult Physical and Sensory residential respite centre in Cavan town due to open in Quarter 2 2025. This centre will cater for adults from Counties Cavan and Monaghan. Funding to develop the centre was received through a capital budget allocation. An additional revenue budget allocation to deliver the service has been provided through increased allocation to the CS CDLMS Disability Services budget. Recruitment of a Person In Charge, a position that is required to operate as a registered centre under the Health Act, 2007, has been completed. HIQA registration application for Mountain View has been submitted to the Authority. Once the centre is registered by HIQA, respite service delivery can commence.

Proposed New Cavan Respite Centre:

HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services, in conjunction with HSE Estates North East, prepared capital submission documents for the national HSE Capital and Property Steering Committee, to seek approval and funding to provide for a standalone respite centre for adults with an intellectual disability in County Cavan. Cavan Monaghan Disability Services have been advised by Dublin North East Capital and Estates office that this project will require a revised submission under the new Strategic Healthcare Investment Framework (SHIF) and Common Appraisal Framework (CAF) process for review and approval as a new capital development. This development, if approved, would ensure that there are standalone Residential Respite Centres for adults in both the Counties of Monaghan and Cavan and standalone Residential Respite Centres for children in both counties.

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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