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Mr. Matt Carthy TD,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
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**Re: PQ ref 48068/25**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality when the current contract with a Rainbow Lodge Respite Centre for children is due to expire; if it is proposed to extend that contract; and if she will make a statement on the matter.” - M. 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 HSE Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CS CDLMS) Disability Services provide Disability Services in Cavan and Monaghan Integrated Healthcare Area in line with its allocated budget from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE), which informs the HSE's National Service Plan and budget. Similarly, capital developments are progressed in line with the national HSE Estates program as per the Disability Services capital budget made available by DCDE.

Please see below regarding respite services for children from County Monaghan as requested:

**Interim Children's Respite Centre for Monaghan** - Further to engagements with the national HSE Disability Operations lead, HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services secured commitment for funding for an interim, two year residential respite service for children in County Monaghan pending the development of a new HSE facility. The location of the interim Children's Respite Centre for Monaghan is at Urbalkirk, approximately 8kms from Monaghan town. The Talbot Group operate the service under a Service Arrangement with the HSE. The interim Children's Respite Centre, called Rainbow Lodge, became operational on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024. The service has been procured for a two year period from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2026. Retention of this respite centre's services will be dependent on additional funding allocation being provided to the HSE in its allocated budget from DCDE. Should additional respite funding be allocated, consideration based on assessed need for respite for those

requiring Specialist Community Based Disability Services will inform the future service model.

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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