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Mr. Matt Carthy TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ ref 48070/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the current proposals to provide additional adult disability respite services in County Monaghan; 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 (IHA), 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 capital programme as per the Disability Services capital budget made available by DCDE.

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

Annalee House Respite Centre

HSE Disability Services in HSE CS CDLMS, operates directly one respite centre, Annalee Respite Centre, in County Cavan. This centre is a five bedded unit that caters for adults and children from Counties Cavan and Monaghan on alternate weeks. Each alternate week there are between eight and eleven children who avail of between one and four respite nights, depending on the assessed individual needs of each child and his/her family. Between thirteen and fifteen adults avail of respite depending on their assessed individual service needs.

Mountain View Respite House, Cavan

This is a new respite centre for adults with physical and sensory disabilities from Counties Monaghan and Cavan. It is planned that it will open in Quarter 4 2025. The respite house is funded for the delivery of four beds and the service will be directly delivered by HSE Disability Services. The HSE received HIQA registration for the centre on the 13th August 2025.

Steadfast House

This is an overnight respite centre in County Monaghan. Steadfast House is a HSE funded Section 39 provider, which under its Service Arrangement with the HSE, was contracted 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, a 44% increase in the number of adult respite bed nights in County Monaghan. Steadfast House has been operational seven nights per week for the delivery of respite to adults since 2nd of September 2024.

Proposed New Cavan Respite Centre

HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services, in conjunction with HSE Capital & Estates Dublin 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. Disability Services were advised that this project will be required to go through the new Strategic Healthcare Investment Framework (SHIF) and Common Appraisal Framework (CAF) process for approving the project to proceed as a new capital development. The SHIF realignment assessment has been completed and submitted to the national HSE Property Review Group (PRG). The Cavan Adult Respite project was recently assessed as being SHIF aligned following the service update to the SHIF alignment document received in June. This project (previous capital submission documents 2024) was reviewed as part of the agenda of the Capital Planning Expert Group (CPEG) meeting held at the end of August. The minutes of the CPEG meeting number 05, held on Thursday the 21st of August 2025, recommended that the Adult Disability Respite Service for Cavan Town Area was 'SHIF' aligned following the health planners review. The next step in this project will be to identify a suitable site for the project and to gain approval for the purchase of same through the HSE Property Review Group (PRG) board. HSE Capital & Estates Dublin North East is engaged in trying to identify a suitable site.

This development, if approved, and funding allocated, 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 in addition to a bespoke, dedicated respite centre for adults from both Counties Cavan and Monaghan with physical and sensory disabilities.

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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