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Dail Eireann,
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Re: PQ ref 51997/25 - Provision of an Emergency Respite Centre, County Monaghan

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she will establish an emergency respite centre for persons with disabilities in County Monaghan to ensure that when emergency respite demands present regular respite users are not discommoded; and if she will make a statement on the matter.” M Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your parliamentary questions above which have been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The HSE through its Cavan/Monaghan Disability Services currently operates two adult respite services across the counties of Cavan and Monaghan, Annalee Respite Centre in County Cavan and Steadfast House Respite Centre in County Monaghan.

Annalee House Respite Centre; HSE Disability Services in HSE Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan and Sligo (CS CDLMS) operate directly one respite centre that is 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. The majority of children attending Annalee are from County Cavan as a new respite centre for children opened in County Monaghan in October 2024. 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.

Steadfast House; This is an overnight respite centre in County Monaghan. Steadfast House 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 the 2nd of September 2024.

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. The HSE received HIQA registration for the centre on the 13th of August 2025.

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 1st October 2024. The service has been procured for a two year period from 1st October 2024 to 30th 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.

As advised above provision and retention of emergency respite centre services will be dependent on additional funding allocation being provided to the HSE in its allocated budget from the Department of Children, Disability and Equality (DCDE).

Proposed New Cavan Respite Centre; HSE CS CDLMS Disability Services, in conjunction with HSE Capital and 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 with Annalee Respite House to become a children's only respite centre. Cavan Monaghan Disability Services were advised that this project would 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 SHIF aligned following the service update to the SHIF alignment document received in June 2025. This project (previous capital submission documents 2024) has been reviewed as part of the agenda of the Capital Planning Expert Group (CPEG) meeting held at the end of August 2025 and the minutes of the CPEG meeting, number 05, have identified that the Adult Disability Respite Service for Cavan area is '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 and 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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