

Mr Matt Carthy, T.D.,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
D02 XR20

31st July 2024

Re: PQ ref 18896/24 - Overnight Respite Centre, Castleblayney, Commencement Date

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth further to the announcement by the Minister of State of an interim overnight respite service for children with disabilities being sanctioned at Castleblayney, County Monaghan, if this service will be operational by 1 October 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – Matt 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 Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) Disability Services can confirm that the location of the new interim Children’s Respite Centre for Monaghan will be located at Urbalkirk, approximately 8kms from Monaghan town.

The Talbot Group has been awarded the contract to deliver the interim children’s respite service in Monaghan. The renovation and development works required to the property have been identified and the engaged contractor has commenced the necessary works to the property. This includes a studio style apartment with separate entrance and another ground floor bedroom which will be wheelchair accessible. The respite house will have a further three bedrooms upstairs as well as a relaxation/play room.

The Talbot Group held an open recruitment day for the respite service in the Four Seasons Hotel in Co Monaghan on the 26th June, 2024. The HSE has been advised by the Talbot Group that this was a very successful recruitment initiative with no immediate requirements for further recruitment days.

HSE CH CDLMS Disability Services continue to work closely with the Talbot Group to have the service commenced by 1st October 2024.



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edel Quinn'.

Edel Quinn
Head of Service Disability CH CDLMS
Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
Eagraíocht Chúram Sláinte Limistéar CDLMS