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Deputy Pearse Doherty Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

PQ ref 9634/24

(Details Supplied in St Joseph's Community Hospital, Stranorlar, Co Donegal)

"To ask the Minister for Health if respite beds have been reinstated after refurbishment in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Doherty

The Heath Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

Having examined the matter, I can confirm that respite services will continue as normal after refurbishment of St. Joseph's Community Hospital. There are currently 11 respite beds available to people of the Finn Valley / St. Joseph's catchment area, with seven of these in St. Joseph's and four in Larissa Lodge

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

On behalf of Martin Collum,

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