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

To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for a respite bed in a community hospital in Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

The Health 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 there are currently two respite beds available in the short-stay unit and five respite beds in Woodville Dementia Unit in St. Joseph's Community Hospital, along with four respite beds in Larissa Lodge Nursing Home, offering a total of 11 respite beds for people in the St. Joseph's / Finn Valley catchment area.

All of these beds are filled on a rolling basis. Clients are offered respite every 4 - 8 weeks, depending on their needs. There is a waiting list for respite care in the St. Joseph's/Finn Valley area and clients are offered respite as respite beds become available

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
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