

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

Ms. Niamh Smyth T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ ref 32584/24 - Article on New Interim Children's Respite Centre, Co. Monaghan**

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will review an article on the new interim Children's Respite Centre in County Monaghan (pictures of online published article attached); to provide an update on the location and site, plans and timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” - Niamh Smyth

Dear Deputy Smyth,

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 Cavan Monaghan Disability Services management team completed a procurement process, with existing contracted service providers, to provide the interim children's respite service on the basis that it would be a five bedded residential respite house inclusive of a self-contained apartment. The service will be delivered with full time nursing support and the service will be operational no later than the 1st October, 2024.

The Talbot Group has been awarded the contract to deliver the interim children's respite service in Monaghan and has secured the property at Urbalkirk, 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, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', written over a light grey rectangular background.

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