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Leinster House
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“To ask the Minister for Health when respite services will be available again at Killybegs community hospital; when the service will be returned to a five-day-a-week service; 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.

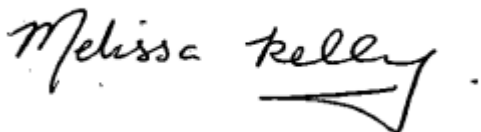
Having examined the matter, I can advise that due to the extensive building works currently being carried out at Killybegs Community Hospital (KCH), it is only possible to facilitate one respite patient per week at present. Other avenues of providing respite services have been explored, i.e. using beds in private nursing homes, but none have been available thus far.

Respite has been fairly allocated to those wishing to avail of respite at KCH and staff have endeavoured to provide the preferred respite times for service users in as far as is possible given the limitations that are currently in place.

Once the works have been completed at KCH and a full complement of staff is in place, normal respite services will resume at the hospital. The expected completion date for the works is early September. Staffing issues and the filling of vacant posts will be dependent on the HSE staff moratorium.

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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