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Ms Niamh Smyth TD,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
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Re: PQ ref 44258/24 - Plans to provide full-time Respite Services for Adults and Children in Cavan, Annalee Respite Services

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if there are any plans to provide a full-time respite service for children in Cavan and adults in Cavan; if she will acknowledge that presently Annalee Respite Centre in Cootehill is catering one week on, one week off, for both adults and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – N. 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.

I can advise that HSE Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo Disability Services, in conjunction with HSE Estates North East, have prepared capital submission documents for the national HSE Capital and Property Steering Committee, to seek approval and funding to provide for a standalone respite centre for adults with an intellectual disability in County Cavan. This development, if approved, would ensure that there are standalone Residential Respite Centres for adults in both the Counties of Monaghan and Cavan and standalone Residential Respite Centres for children in both counties.

HSE Estates North East colleagues have advised Disability Services that due to a large volume of capital submissions it will be the first quarter of 2025 before the aforementioned submission will be assessed by the national HSE Capital and Property Steering Committee.

HSE Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo Disability Services, in conjunction with the HSE Estates North East department, have also completed a submission for capital funding to support the development and delivery of a children’s respite centre in County Monaghan to meet the requirement to provide a more appropriate level of respite service in each of the two county areas of Cavan and Monaghan. The submission was approved at the February 2024 meeting of the National HSE Capital and Property Steering Group meeting. HSE Estates North East and Disability Services in the local service area have identified a premises for sale suitable for the purposes of renovation to develop the respite centre. The purchase transaction has been approved by the National HSE Property Board and HSE Estates North East are now in the process of identifying an architect to commence the design element of the property. Once purchase is complete, HSE Estates will then complete a significant capital project to prepare the property to deliver a five-bedroom

residential respite facility. HSE Estates North East have advised that this project should be completed in the first quarter of 2026. In order to legally operate as a registered residential respite centre, the facility will need to meet the required standards for a designated respite centre, which is assessed and determined by the Health Information and Quality Authority (HIQA).

Further to engagements with the national HSE Disability Operations lead, HSE Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo Disability Services secured commitment for funding for an interim, two year residential respite service for children in County Monaghan pending the development of the new HSE facility. The HSE Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo Disability Services can confirm that the location of the new interim Children's Respite Centre for Monaghan is 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. Assessment and induction processes have been completed with children and families and the interim Children's Respite Centre became fully operational on 1st October 2024.

The provision of additional respite services in a dedicated County Monaghan children's respite service will increase the capacity at Annalee House Respite Centre in County Cavan to better meet the respite needs of other children and adults already accessing this service and those on its waiting list.

Mountain View is a new four-bed adult Physical and Sensory residential respite centre in Cavan town due to open in Quarter 1 2025, pending recruitment of required staffing.

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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