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Mr Brendan Smith T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 44334 – Standalone Respite Centre for Adults in County Cavan

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the progress to date in advancing a proposal to provide a standalone respite centre for adults with an intellectual disability in County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

- B Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

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 Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CDLMS) Disability Services management team, in conjunction with HSE Estates North East, prepared capital submission documents for the national HSE Capital and Property Steering Group, 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.

CDLMS Disability Services have been advised by Dublin North East Estates colleagues 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 Group.

HSE Community Services CDLMS 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.

Further to engagements with the national HSE Disability Operations lead, HSE Community Services CDLMS 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 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 which commenced 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 on alternate weeks as well as those on its waiting list.

Mountain View is a new four-bedded HSE Physical and Sensory Disability residential respite centre for adults in Cavan town due to open in Quarter 1 2025, pending the successful recruitment of required staffing by the HSE Human Resources department.

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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