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Deputy Ged Nash T.D.,  
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**Re: PQ ref 44399/24 - To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite care beds available in the Village Residence, Dublin Road, Drogheda; the number of beds at the facility currently available for those with dementia who require respite; if all beds that are available are fully operational as of 23 October 2024; if the HSE has sanctioned the full complement of staff required to ensure that all available beds are available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter – Ged Nash**

Dear Deputy Nash,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question. I have examined the matter and outline the position below.

There are five (5) respite beds within The Village Residence. There are currently three (3) respite beds available on a weekly basis specifically for people with dementia. It is planned that the two (2) remaining respite beds will be available for clients in the coming weeks. These two (2) beds are currently in use for long term care residents.

I trust the above is in order but please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further queries in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

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