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*“To ask the Minister for Health the current number of respite hours that each respite facility in Donegal provides, in tabular form; 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.

Please see table below detailing the number of respite beds provided by Donegal Older Persons Services (OPS) in community hospitals in Co. Donegal and the number of patients availing of respite at each community hospital. Donegal OPS do not provide hours of respite, as patients are individually assessed and the frequency and length of respite is determined by these assessments. Respite is normally offered in periods of one week.

<b>Respite Services available in Donegal Community Hospitals November 2024</b>		
<b>Community Hospital</b>	<b>No. of respite beds</b>	<b>No. patients availing of respite</b>
<b>Buncrana</b>	3	28
<b>Carndonagh</b>	7 (3 Dementia Specific)	77
<b>Dungloe</b>	3	58
<b>Donegal Town</b>	3	56
<b>Ramelton</b>	3	21
<b>Falcarragh</b>	2 reopened; patients were facilitated in Dungloe prior to this week	-
<b>St. Joseph's</b>	5 Dementia Specific	Respite is currently unavailable due to Regulatory Compliances.

In addition, Donegal OPS have 4 contracted beds in St. Eunan's Nursing Home in Letterkenny, with 31 patients availing of this service. These beds are for the catchment area of Lifford /St Joseph's at present. Donegal OPS also have 1 contracted respite bed at Nazareth House in Fahan, with 10 patients availing of this service for the catchment area of Inishowen.



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 that reads "Melissa Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a decorative flourish at the end of the word "Kelly".

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