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Sorca Clarke TD
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RE: PQ ref 45786/24

The total number of respite hours provided to families in Longford and Westmeath over each of the past 12 months; the total number that has been provided each month since March 2021, in tabular form.

Dear Deputy Clarke,

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

HSE Disability Services provides community respite hours to adults and children with a disability living in Longford/Westmeath.

The table below outlines the number of community respite hours provided by external agencies each month in 2024 to date:

| Jan | Feb | March | April | May | June | July | August | Sept | October |
|------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|------|---------|
| 1494 | 1377 | 1467 | 1282 | 1451 | 1398 | 1425 | 1540 | 1358 | 1771 |

The table below outlines the number of community respite hours provided for the years 2021-2023.

| Year | Total number of community respite hours provided |
|------|--|
| 2021 | 12,727 |
| 2022 | 14,586 |
| 2023 | 16,926 |
| 2024 | 17,562 (to date) |

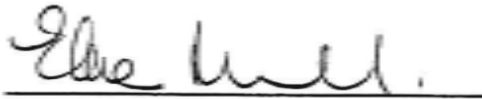
Please note that in addition to community respite, HSE Disability Services provides overnight respite to adults and children with a disability. This service is not measured in hours but rather by bed nights.

The below table outlines the total number of overnight respite nights for years 2021-2024 inclusive.

| Number Of bed nights provided | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|
| Year | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Nights | 6,795 | 7,824 | 7,926 | 7,825 (to date) |

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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