

Ceannasai na Seirbhisi Curam Michumais - Lár na Tíre

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Sorca Clarke TD Dáil Éireann Leinster House Dublin 2

RE: PQ ref 45787/24

The number of overnight respite beds for children and adults, respectively in Longford and Westmeath in 2019 and 2024, 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.

The below table outlines the number of overnight respite beds for adults and children in Longford/Westmeath in 2019 and 2024.

Adult/Children	Year	Number of beds
Children	2019	6
Children	2024	14
Adult	2019	25
Adult	2024	25

Longford/Westmeath Disability Services continue to make every effort to maximise respite services for both adults and children with a disability. An additional two overnight respite beds for children across Longford/Westmeath is expected to come on stream in 2025.

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,

Elaine Mulvihill General Manager, Midland Disability Services, CHO