

4th February 2025

Mr. Pa Daly, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 1937/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if the HSE funds adult disabilities day care centres within CHO 4 that are opened on the weekends; and if so, the location of same, in tabular form.”

Dear Deputy Daly,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

The HSE funds organisations to deliver services on behalf of the HSE under Section 38 and 39 of the Health Act. Specific funding is provided annually to meet the needs of those progressing from post primary or special school to an adult day service or course e.g. Rehabilitative Training (RT), funded by the HSE each year. Day services and courses are delivered Monday to Friday typically during daytime hours although different arrangements may exist to suit an individual’s circumstances with a bespoke arrangement in place.

In respect of evenings and weekends, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) has worked with providers to increase the quantum and type of respite available to people and their families in Cork and Kerry over the past number of years. Respite models referred to as *alternative respite* have been developed and are not the typical overnight residential respite service. Some of these would include afterschool clubs; evening and weekend supports; and outreach supports to assist people with engagement in their communities.

CKCH Disability Services will continue to develop alternative respite models based on funding available and the assessed needs of people requiring services.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Angela O'Neill", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ms. Angela O'Neill,
Head of Disability Services,
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

