

5th April 2018

Mr Brendan Smith T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 10702/18 - B Smith: Plans to Increase Respite Places for Adults with a Disability in Cavan/Monaghan 2018 GMPQ3766

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to your query with regard to Respite services. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Cavan Monaghan Disability Services currently have two respite facilities for Adults with an Intellectual Disability, Annalee Respite Centre Cootehill, Co Cavan, and Steadfast House, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan. There is one facility for Adults with a Physical and Sensory Disability in St. Christopher's Disability Centre, Co Cavan.

An emerging trend in relation to an increase in demand for Adult respite beds in Intellectual Disability Services has been identified in our respite centre in Cootehill. It is therefore planned to increase the number of adult respite beds available in any 12 week period from 42 to 49 commencing in July 2018. There are no plans currently to increase respite services at our other two locations but this will be monitored regularly.

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



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