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Deputy Richard Boyd Barrett,
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Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ 31342/20

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the recent announcement by St. John of Gods that they will be withdrawing from the provision of disability services over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

HSE Response.

The HSE confirms that St. John of God Community Services clg. has made known its intention to give 12 months' notice with a view to transferring responsibility for operating services, currently funded by the HSE, in respect of both disability and mental health supports to the state.

The HSE recognises the critical need and importance of disability supports for people and their families. Therefore, it is our priority to ensure these vital supports and services will continue to be provided without disruption. We will continue to work with service users and their families/carers to ensure that we achieve this aim.

The HSE values the services provided by St. John of God Community Services clg, and confirms that over the next 12 months we will continue to work positively and engage with St. John of God Community Services clg.

Yours sincerely,

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