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Mr Robert Troy T.D.,
Minister of State at the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2

Re: Parliamentary Question – 19719/22

To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline access for HSE patients to services at Galro Services, Kilbixy Paddocks and Balsonna Barn Ability Therapy Centre, Sonna, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath; if this service is available for referral to all CHO areas; if children from Co. Westmeath with a diagnosis of autism are being actively referred to this service if it is deemed suitable for their needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Minister Troy,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

Galro Services, Kilbixy Paddocks and Balsonna Barn Ability Therapy Centre, is a provider of services in Co. Westmeath. Galro Services provide services to adults and children in line with their assessed needs.

Disability Services Longford Westmeath can confirm that they engage the services of Galro, Kilbixy Paddocks and Balsonna Barn Ability Therapy Centre, Sonna, Mullingar, Co Westmeath. Disability Services Longford Westmeath support people with intellectual disability, physical disability & Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Referral of adults and children can be made by other CHO's to Galro Services. Acceptance of referrals are contingent on the ability of the service to meet the clients assessed need.

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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