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Dear Deputy O'Rourke,

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: 48341/23**

*To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth how the €8.5 million additional development measures for children's services will be spent in 2024.*

**HSE Response**

Each year the HSE participates in the Estimates Process with the Department of Health and makes a submission for additional monies to meet the health and social care needs of the population it services.

The Disability Service makes submissions for additional funding for Day, Residential, Respite, Home Support/PA hours, Multi Disciplinary Posts, Childrens' Disability Services and Neuro Rehab monies as a key element of its submission. Any new funding secured is allocated to the CHOs to provide services to those with the greatest need (priority basis).

The HSE makes every effort to secure multi-annual investment for services via the Estimates process and is very conscious of the need to deliver disability policy on a more sustainable footing given the significant levels of need for increased and more effective services and supports to enable people with a disability to live independent lives in their own community.

Budget 2024 was published by the Government on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2024. It included €8.5m to improve children's services including the recruitment of additional therapy positions, increasing third level places and supports for specialist children's disability services.



The HSE has not as yet received the Letter of Determination or the written/agreed National Service Plan for next year. In that context, the HSE cannot indicate at this stage, how the €8.5 million for additional development measures for children's services will be spent in 2024.

Yours Sincerely,

*Bernard O'Regan*

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