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Mr. Peter Burke T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref: 14037/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth when funding issues will be resolved at a Section 39 organisation, St. Christopher's Special School, Longford.

Dear Minister Burke,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above representation. I have examined the matter and I outline the position as follows.

St Christopher's, Longford provides services to children and adults with intellectual disabilities. The organisation is funded by the HSE under Section 39 of the Health Act. Section 39 Service Providers are independent legal organisations and are responsible for ensuring they have appropriate systems of internal controls in place in respect of the management of their organisation. The HSE engages regularly with Section 39 organisations to ensure compliance with relevant policy and legal obligations.

St Christopher's is an important provider of disability services in CHO8 hence the HSE continues to engage with St Christopher's so as to ensure stability and sustainability of its services and to ensure the best level of service possible is provided to people with a disability, and their families, within the available resources.

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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