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Deputy Robert Troy
Leinster House
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Dublin 2

Re: PQ ref 4690/24 – Parliamentary Question from Deputy Robert Troy, regarding issuing funding of €110,000 to the Clonamore Homeless Facility, Tullamore, Co Offaly. Clonamore is a homeless facility that is completed but cannot open with funding to assist with operating costs. Clonamore is a HSE Section 39 Service.

Dear Deputy Troy,

Thank you for your query. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you recently submitted. In preparing this response your representation has been discussed with the relevant Managers. I have examined the matter and outline the position as follows.

The HSE Social Inclusion currently provides Midlands Simon with a budget of €150,000 per annum for the running of two six bed hostels.

Clonamore Homeless Facility was developed by Sophia Housing to be managed by Midlands Simon. Funding for Clonamore was sought in 2023 as a new service development for the Midlands. In addition to the 150,000 euros of funding to the Midlands Simon and further once off HSE payment of €82,000 was provided to Midlands Simon in September 2023 for the opening of Clonamore Homeless Facility. .

In January 2024, Clonamore had not opened, the HSE have requested an update as to why the service has not opened given the specific allocation of the €82,000 provided to open the facility.

Midlands Simon have requested additional funding from the HSE for the two six bed hostels. The HSE are in ongoing talks with Simon to try to agree an additional funding amount to ensure continued service provision for service users.



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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret M.J. Kelleher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M'.

Margaret Kelleher
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