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Dear Deputy Cronin,

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

PQ: 8452/24

To ask the Minister for Health if the 8,000 people who depend on services (details supplied) will continue to have access to them under the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: St., John of God Community Services

PQ: 8454/24

To ask the Minister for Health how 8,000 service users (details supplied) will be accommodated by the HSE, given the recruitment embargo; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied; St. John of God

HSE Response

Agreement has been reached between Saint John of God Community Services (SJOGCS) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) that will enable the Service to continue in operation and for its existing 8,000 children and adults to continue receiving intellectual disability and mental health services, as currently provided.

The Board of St John of God Community Services has confirmed the withdrawal of its decision to transfer services, which had been issued to the HSE on 16 February 2024. The decision to withdraw the notice has been endorsed by the Board of St John of God Hospitaller Services Group.

This announcement comes on the back of intensive discussions between both parties over the past ten days,



There is an agreement and timeframe to arrive at a time-bound implementation plan for the Sustainability Impact Assessment Report.

There is a commitment to the in-year funding for 2024, and there is a guaranteed timeframe within which final decisions will be made about the issues arising from the historical deficit in SJOGCS.

Yours Sincerely,



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Head of Operations - Disability Services, Community Operations**



**Gerard Tully,
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