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Martin Kenny T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
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Re: PQ ref 10384/24

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if his Department will provide funding to reinstate a hydrotherapy swimming pool in Sligo for people with disabilities in the north west; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Kenny

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 Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth, for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position in Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim Monaghan and Sligo (CH CDLMS).

The Disability Services Manager for Sligo/Leitrim has had ongoing engagement with the Head of Operations of Woodbrook Care, the management company representing the owner of the property formerly known as the 'Cregg Campus' where the referenced hydrotherapy pool is located. The Head of Operations of Woodbrook Care is currently investigating the viability of re-opening the hydrotherapy pool. It was noted that considerable investment will be required in order to restore the pool to an operational standard.

The Disability Services Manager has informed Woodbrook Care that Sligo/Leitrim Disability Services would like to access the pool on set days during the week for hydrotherapy sessions and Woodbrook Care has advised that it will make the unit available to the HSE Disability Services should it proceed with re-opening the hydrotherapy pool subject to agreement on costings and conditions.

Woodbrook Care believe they can have the unit open in 2024, further to agreement on costing and conditions with the HSE.

It is envisaged that the cost will likely be reflected in any service provision agreement that Woodbrook Care might enter with CH CDLMS Disability Services should it take the decision to renovate the hydrotherapy pool and provide the service.

As such, CH CDLMS Disability Services will need to consider if the cost can be managed from within its existing resources and if not funding will need to be sought as per budgetary allocation processes. On 06/03/2024, the Disability Services Manager for Sligo/Leitrim escalated an updated business case, regarding the funding/costing required in order to avail of the hydrotherapy pool, to the Head of Service Office, Disability Services in CH CDLMS.



Disability Services continue to support individuals to avail of alternative hydrotherapy and swimming resources in the Sligo and/or Leitrim areas.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Edel Quinn'.

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