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**Réada Cronin TD  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2**

**Ref: PQ 10889/24**

**Re:** *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the reason that from March 2024 the YAT will no longer support individuals attending a Section 38 organisation, such individuals being referred to the clinical supports available within their organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”*

**- Réada Cronin**

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**Dear Deputy Cronin,**

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question which has been referred by the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to the Health Service Executive for direct response. I have requested the Chief Executive Officer for KARE examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Young Adult Disability Team (YAT) exists as a partnership project between the HSE and Kare, to provide multidisciplinary services to young adults with complex disability attending day services in Section 38 and Section 39 service providers within Community Healthcare area CHO7. In a review of this service, and in agreement with the stakeholder organisations, this team agreed a new direction and focus, as the capacity of this team could no longer fulfil the original agreement under which it had been set up. As part of this broad agreement, all Section 38 organisations accessing this multi-disciplinary team for a specific cohort of service users will now provide clinical supports and services to all service users who attends a section 38 organisation. Additional posts were resourced into these clinical teams to support this cohort of service users whom the Young Adults team were previously supporting. These actions will enable Section 39 organisations, HSE services and other non- HSE private providers to access clinical services, which were not previously available, or available in limited capacity.

This strategic shift allows for a renewed focus on young people linking with other day service providers and creates a greater capacity to address the needs of other young people with disabilities in this community health area.

These actions were scheduled to progress in March 2024, but as a consequence of the recruitment moratorium within the HSE, this transition is now only being progressed.

Ultimately, the services of this team will continue to evolve to meet the needs of young people with disabilities requiring input from a multidisciplinary team, with an aim of increased accessibility to clinical supports at a point of need in their lives. Individuals who attend a section 38 organisation will continue to be able to access clinical services through that section 38 organisation.

I trust this information is of use to you. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Duffy." The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the initials "P.P".

Margaret O'Neill

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