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Mr Matt Carthy, T.D.,  
Leinster House,  
Kildare Street,  
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D02 XR20

**Re: PQ ref 44243/24 - Day Centre for Adults in Cootehill, and if Minister will visit premises**

***“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he is aware that the HSE has indicated that there is not an interest in the premises at Cootehill, County Cavan that has been offered as a potential location for adult disability day services; if he or the Minister of State with responsibility for Disabilities will visit the premises in question; if he will engage with the HSE on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – M Carthy***

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that representatives from HSE Community Disability Services Cavan, Donegal, Sligo, Leitrim, Monaghan and HSE Estates North East met with representatives of the premises on the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 to walk through and view the property at Drumbarkey, Cootehill, Co. Cavan.

The property at Drumbarkey, Cootehill, is not deemed suitable for a Disability Services Day Service development. National HSE disability policy ‘New Directions’ proposes that day services should take the form of individualised outcome focused supports in a building which accommodates 25 to 30 persons maximum to allow adults using those services to live a life of their own choosing in accordance with their own wishes, needs and aspirations within their local community. Day service locations are required to be located in the heart of one’s own community and within the vicinity of other community services. Where possible integrated service locations are recommended and unfortunately, this property does not meet the requirements of national policy based on size, location, distance and travel time.

HSE Community Disability Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo would like to thank the representative of the premises for bringing this property to their

attention, however, Disability Services will not be pursuing a development at the location viewed.

A number of Day Service developments are being progressed in the Cavan and Monaghan area to deliver services in line with national policy and to cater for the numbers of young adults identified as requiring adult day services in the coming years.

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,



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