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Mr Matt Carthy, T.D.,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
D02 XR20

Re: PQ ref 39123/24 - Status of Provision of Day Services for Young Adults Cootehill

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the status of the proposal for the provision of day services for young adults based in a currently unfinished building in Cootehill, County Cavan; whether the HSE intends to purchase the property for this purpose; the expected timeframe to advance this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” – Matt 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 29th 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 representatives of the premises for bringing this property to their attention, however, Disability Services will not be pursuing a development at the location viewed.

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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