

29th October, 2024

Mr. Pdraig O’Sullivan, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 43346/24:

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to provide further information and details of the arrangement between the HSE and his Department in relation to the provision of school therapists in special schools, specifically in relation to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: St Killian's Special School in Cork

Dear Deputy O’Sullivan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

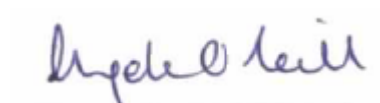
Representatives of St. Killian’s Special School have made repeated representations to CKCH Disability Services for funding for private procurement of therapists for the school. The Regional Executive Officer (REO) South West agreed to provide a €40k grant to the school to facilitate the private procurement of therapists for the current school term (Sept. to Dec. 2024). The funding will be provided under a Grant Aid Agreement (GAA) with the school.

CKCH are awaiting the signed GAA from the Board of Management of St. Killian’s School in order to progress this agreement.

The potential to include St. Killian’s Special School in phase 2 of the recently agreed Special Schools Pilot has been raised nationally and we are awaiting the outcome of their discussions.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Angela O'Neill', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ms. Angela O'Neill,
Head of Disability Services,
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare.

