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Mr Matt Carthy TD
Leinster House
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Re: PQ ref 34443/24 - Premises for Down Syndrome Centre North East

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will liaise with the Down Syndrome Centre North East, which is a separate entity to Down Syndrome Ireland, to provide support for this body to source a larger premises in order to meet the growing demand for its important services; and if he will make a statement on the matter.” - Matt Carthy

Details

The Down Syndrome Centre North East, which is a separate entity to Down Syndrome Ireland.

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your parliamentary question above, in relation to support for the sourcing of a larger premises for the Down Syndrome Centre North East, which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo, are aware that the Down Syndrome Centre North East is an independent organisation that provides services to children and families who meet its criteria. The HSE National Disability Office has confirmed that the HSE does not hold any Service Agreements or Grant Aid Agreements with Down Syndrome Centre North East for services it delivers in the Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo area.

As such Down Syndrome Centre North East may wish to submit an application, in the first instance, for funding to Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo, through the following funding streams:

- the HSE Governance Framework for Non-Statutory Agencies - a standard application and negotiation process exists within this framework whereby the HSE considers applications for funding. More information can be found on HSE.ie at the following link:

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/publications/non-statutory-sector/>

- the National Lottery Grant - more information can be found on HSE.ie at the following link;

<https://www2.hse.ie/services/schemes-allowances/lottery-grants/national-lottery-grants/>

All applications for funding can only be considered within the parameters and scope of budget allocation to national HSE from the Department of Children, Disability, Equality, Integration and Youth and in turn the allocation to Community Services Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo, Disability Services.

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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