

4th February 2025

Mr. Danny Healy-Rae, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 1274/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to give attention to a serious issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: The HSE are requesting that Kerry Parents and Friends should fundraise for essential services. KPFA provide an essential service to people with disabilities and these services should be funded by the HSE and the Government.

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

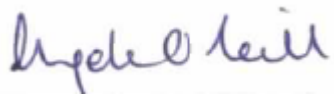
The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth for response.

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) recognise that many of the organisations delivering disability services in Cork and Kerry hold charitable status. Such organisations can and do fundraise to provide additional supports which are not part of the agreed funding allocation with CKCH.

As a voluntary body and a registered charity, Kerry Parents and Friends Association (KPFA) undertake a range of fundraising activities. These fundraising activities are not used to provide the same services that CKCH fund. Monies raised through fundraising may be used to support expenditure on items that are not typically funded by the HSE such as vehicles, capital works to buildings and/or equipment for sensory gardens.

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 in a cursive style.

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

