23rd April 2008

Mr. Denis Naughton, TD.
Dail Eireann,
Dublin 2.

Re: Parliamentary Question  12251/08 Intellectual Disability Services, Ballinasloe Area.

*To ask the Minister for Health and Children the additional funding provided in 2008 for the development of services for persons with an intellectual disability in the Ballinasloe area; the funding allocated for services in Ballinasloe in 2006, 2007 and 2008; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Naughton,

I refer to your Parliamentary Question raised with the Minister for Health & Children in relation to the development of Intellectual Disability services in the Ballinasloe area which has been forwarded to me for response.

The overall funding for Intellectual Disability services in the Ballinasloe area is as follows;

2006 – The overall funding for services in the Ballinasloe area in 2006 amounted to €3,265,084.

2007 – The overall funding for services in the Ballinasloe area in 2007 amounted to €3,346,241

2008 – The 2008 funding has yet to be allocated.
The Services delivered as a result of the above funding in the Ballinasloe area include:

- Children’s Services.
- The Springfield Child Development Centre.
- Ashtree House Respite.
- Deerpark Services (Day & Residential)
- Multi-Disciplinary Supports including:
  - Medical
  - Psychology (Including Team Leader)
  - Social Work
  - Speech & Language Therapy
  - Community Nursing
  - Physiotherapy
  - Occupational Therapy

**The Process for Planning Service Developments**

The Brothers of Charity Services Galway and Ability West are members of the Galway County Planning Team as are Autism West Limited, RehabCare and Link. This team is chaired by the HSE and has responsibility for determining recommendations on service developments and the allocation of new funding. All unmet needs, including those in the Ballinasloe area, are reviewed annually by the Galway County Planning Team in the context of the allocation of new development monies and taking into account the highest priorities of all the agencies in Galway. Arising from same, in recent years the following services in Ballinasloe have been developed:

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<td>Deerpark Respite Centre - Additional 80 nights per annum respite were funded.</td>
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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Alex MacLean,
General Manager,
Galway PCCC.