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John Brassil T.D.,  
Dáil Éireann,  
Dublin 2

**PQ ref 11355/19**

**"To ask the Minister for Health if approval will be given for the hours and contract of the nursing support for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter."**

**Details Supplied: Nano Nagle School, Listowel, Co. Kerry**

Dear Deputy Brassil,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

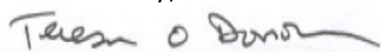
Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) is funded to deliver Paediatric Home Care Packages which provide for nursing and nurse led supports in the home and eligibility is determined by the complexity of clinical nursing care needs. CKCH does not have a budget for the provision of nursing in schools.

Following liaison with Nano Nagle School, CKCH recognised the significant specific nursing care needs of a small number of children within the school setting. On this basis CKCH agreed an initial funding arrangement for 25 hours clinical nursing care per week in the school until March 2019. This was an interim arrangement pending the conclusion of a national interdepartmental review on funding of paediatric nursing care to children with complex healthcare needs in school settings.

As the interdepartmental report has not yet been finalised, CKCH will extend the current arrangement within a grand aid agreement and will review, in line with national policy, in 12 months.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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