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The Bluestack Special Needs Foundation, The Glebe, Donegal Town. if the Minister understands the pressure this financial shortfall will place on the provider's ability to meet the needs of its service users

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the significant gap which exists between the funding requirements of a service provider (details supplied) in County Donegal and the core funding allocated to the organisation in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Doherty

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.

The HSE has approved core annual funding of €36,000 to the Bluestack Special Needs Foundation. A further submission for funding of €86,500 in the 2020 estimates has been made and will be considered in the context of available resources and priorities next year.

I trust that this is of assistance, but please do not hesitate to contact me if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely

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