



Éamon Ó Cuiv, T.D.,
Dail Eireann,
Leinster House,
Dublin 2.

13th November 2019.

PQ 44009/19

“To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided for a charity (Ability West) in each year since 2008 to provide services for persons with an intellectual disability; the extra funding that will provided to it in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter”

Dear Deputy Ó Cuiv,

I refer to PQ 44009 uploaded on the PAD System on 24th October 2019 and due for response on the 8th November 2019 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “the funding provided for a charity (Ability West) in each year since 2008 to provide services for persons with an intellectual disability; the extra funding that will provided to it in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. I wish to apologise for the late response to PQ 44009/19. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Listed below in tabular format is the funding provided to Ability West from 2008 to 2019.

Year	HSE Funding €m
2008	€24,300,877
2009	€24,335,942
2010	€21,002,675
2011	€23,159,941
2012	€22,459,665
2013	€22,271,364
2014	€22,293,432
2015	€23,851,824
2016	€24,380,307
2017	€25,046,320
2018	€26,372,907
2019	€27,455,683

I wish to advise that further changes to the 2019 allocation are possible before the end of the year. Community Healthcare West and Ability West are currently in the process of preparing the Service Agreement and consequential financial allocation for 2020.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely,

John Fitzmaurice,
General Manager,
Community Healthcare West.