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Deputy Thomas Pringle Dáil Éireann Leinster House Kildare Street Dublin 2

## PQ ref 39023/19

Bluestack Foundation, The Glebe, Co. Donegal

To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the provision of long-term sustainable funding for community health projects including a foundation (details supplied) in County Donegal in order that they are not under threat of closure every few months if funding and donations cannot fill the gap; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

## **Dear Deputy Pringle**

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

Frank Morrison

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