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Dear Deputy Boyd Barrett,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

**PQ 44222/20**

*To ask the Minister for Health the status of discussions and or meetings and or correspondence he has had with an organisation (details supplied) with regards to its announcement that it will be withdrawing from its disability and mental health services in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter.*

Details supplied: Saint John of Gods

**HSE Response.**

The HSE confirms that St John of God Community Services clg. has formally given notice, its intention to give 12 months' notice with a view to transferring responsibility for operating services, currently funded by the HSE, in respect of both disability and mental health supports to the state.

In the first instance, it is of critical importance to reassure service users, families and the public that these vital supports and services will continue to be provided without disruption.

The HSE values the services provided by SJOGCS clg as a significant funded support provider. Importantly, the HSE will continue to work positively with SJOGCS clg in order to resolve the sustainability challenges that have been raised.

Further, it is confirmed that the HSE has made clear the importance of engagement with senior levels at Board level within SJOGCS clg. and has agreed such an engagement to take place in January.

Additionally, the HSE confirms it is in the process of meeting parent representative groups and has held an initial engagement with one of the representative groups already.

Yours sincerely

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