



28th July 2020

Mr Matt Carthy, T.D.,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.
D02 XR20

Re: PQ ref 18847/20 - Bóthar Oirialla Group Home, Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan - DSPQ19142(19)

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the group home for persons with disabilities constructed at Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross, County Monaghan; if he will intervene to instruct the HSE to make the centre operational as a matter of urgency in view of the delays to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Matt Carthy

Dear Deputy Carthy,

I refer to your recent correspondence in relation to Bóthar Oirialla Group Home, Convent Lands, Drummond Otra, Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position;

I can advise that the Group home was completed by Respond. This will be a five bedroom residential setting for persons with physical and sensory disability needs. An on-site meeting took place on the morning of 12th February, 2020 with the Head of Social Care, General Manager Disabilities, Service Manager Disabilities, HSE Estates and the Housing Agency, Respond. The purpose of the meeting was to consider any outstanding minor works to be completed. A walk through of the premises was carried out with both the Respond Architect and members of the HSE Estates. Agreement was reached that a list of minor works would be compiled by the HSE Estates and forwarded to Respond for their consideration. The Head of Social Care has made direct contact with the Development Manager from Respond in relation to the completion of the remedial works. He received a reply on 17/07/2020 from the Respond Development Manager, to say that on his return from leave on 31/07/2020 that he would be in contact to progress the works.

The HSE provides supports and services within the context of the National Service Plan and within a defined Budget allocation. Whilst the funding requirement needed to operate this long-term supported housing initiative is not within our current budget parameters, HSE will continue to seek the resources required to open the facility through the estimates process. The HSE is acutely

conscious of the needs of the prospective residents and we will continue to liaise with them, their families and our partners in this development, Respond Housing Association.

I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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