



17th November, 2020

Deputy Pearse Doherty
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

PQ ref 30632/20 - To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be provided for disability services in County Donegal which have been heavily impacted by underfunding and the Covid-19 crisis; 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.

I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Donegal Disability Service, which encompasses the Intellectual Disability (ID) Service and Physical & Sensory (P&S) Disability Service, has been provided with additional funding for the following purposes:

- Recruitment of 32 health care assistants and nursing staff on an initial three month basis to replace additional staff required in ID residential services. This recruitment is funded as part of the Day Service Resumption national funding of €7.5 million
- Provision of 20 support packages for children and young adults, as part of national funding of €2.5 million
- Provision to date of 18 intensive home support packages for ID Service and 28 intensive home support packages for P&S Service
- €63,400 to assist with the clearance of the Applications of Need overdue backlog
- €87,300 to increase access, refurbishment and transport in Day Services
- Provision of Personal Protective Equipment

CHO1 Disability Services will be advised of its 2021 budget in the coming weeks, following the allocation to the HSE of its overall budget for 2021 for delivery of services as is outlined in the National Service Plan. There are ongoing engagements by all CHOs with the National Disability Office in respect of service requirements in advance of each CHO receiving its budget allocation.

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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