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**Re: PQ/29198/20**

**“To ask the Minister for Health if external services will resume for schools (Lisaniskey National School, Roscommon - Brothers of Charity) run by a religious organisation, such as speech and language therapy which ceased due to Covid-19; if so, when the services will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Fitzmaurice,

I refer to PQ/29198/20 uploaded on the PAD System on the 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and due for response on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning “if external services will resume for schools (Lisaniskey National School, Roscommon - Brothers of Charity) run by a religious organisation, such as speech and language therapy which ceased due to Covid-19; if so, when the services will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter”. The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

I have made contact with Roscommon Disability Services Manager who has informed me that the Roscommon School Age Disability Team, a multi-agency team made up of Clinicians from HSE and the Brothers of Charity Services, provides multidisciplinary supports, including Speech and Language Therapy, to children with complex needs of school going age. Clinicians provide services across the range of home, schools and clinics. Speech and Language Therapy is being provided with predominantly clinic based appointments at present and this is followed by detailed discussion with school staff to ensure consistency and continuity of input. The number of sessions the child receives has not changed.

School based sessions will take place going forward where appropriate and in line with Infection Control and Public Health Guidelines. I can also confirm that all clinical sessions being held in school is not the model of service delivery.

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

Yours sincerely

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