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PQ ref 60992/21 - iCare in Buncrana and Bluestack Special Needs Foundation, Donegal Town in County Donegal

To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that an organisations (details supplied) receive the necessary allocation of core funding as requested to allow same to continue to provide a vital service to large numbers of children and young adults with special needs and their families.

Dear Deputy Mac Lochlainn

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.

CHO1 Donegal Disability Services continue to work in partnership with iCare, Buncrana, and Bluestack Special Needs Foundation, Donegal Town, regarding the provision of services to children and adults with disabilities and their families.

In 2021, CHO1 Donegal Disability Services provided core funding of €36,000 to both organisations and an additional €46,589 to iCare, Buncrana, and €128,656 to Bluestack Foundation, Donegal Town, for the provision of support packages.

In 2021, iCare's Adult Day Service received €129,000 and additional once-off funding of €62,000 for the purchase of a new vehicle, IT equipment and rental of additional space. The funding agreed for 2022 has increased to €175,000.

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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