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PQ 4622/21

“To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available to a voluntary organisation, RPM Autism West (Rapid Prompting Method) for the provision of autism workshops; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Dear Deputy Harkin

I refer to PQ 4622/21 uploaded on the PAD System on 25th January 2021 and due for response on 10th February 2021 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning ‘if funding is available to a voluntary organisation, RPM Autism West (Rapid Prompting Method) for the provision of autism workshops; 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 been in contact with the Disability Services Manager for Mayo who has informed me that RPM Autism West applied for lottery funding in 2018 and 2020. The applications were considered by the Community Healthcare West (CHW) Adjudication Committee and following an evaluation process, their applications were deemed unsuccessful on both occasions. RPM Autism West received written confirmation from Community Healthcare West of this decision on both occasions.

An application was received from RPM West for funding under the 2021 Section 39 Grant Aid Agreement (GAA). The applications received will be evaluated by an Adjudication Committee and applicants will be written to after the evaluation process has concluded, no later than 28th February 2021.

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

Yours sincerely

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