



15TH November, 2021

Mr Brendan Smith T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

Re: PQ ref 52888/21 - Drumlin House Training Centre - DSPQ20048(3)

To ask the Minister for Health the proposals there are to increase the number of places for adult services at Drumlin House Training Centre, Cootehill, Co. Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. - Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your recent correspondence enquiring if there are any proposals to increase the number of places for adult services at Drumlin House Training Centre, Cootehill, Co. Cavan. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

I can advise that Drumlin House offers Day Service placements to individuals with a mild/moderate intellectual disability. Currently Drumlin House has a maximum 89 day placements within their service provision and I can confirm that there are 89 individuals attending the service at present.

As part of the annual national School Leaver Funding process each young adult leaving school at the age of 18 is assessed on his/her individual support needs and funding is allocated to the individual to ensure they are supported to achieve their individual personal goals and aspirations. Each year the young adults will sample a number of day services and then make their choice as to which service they wish to attend. At this time the agreed day service will develop an individualised outcome focused support programme in accordance with the young adult's needs, will and preference.

In relation to September 2022's national school leaver process, individuals will be able to choose Drumlin House Training Centre and places will then be funded through the HSE Occupational Guidance unit to allow young adults to access the service, depending on the individualized needs process as outline above .

In addition Drumlin House Services have been collaborating with the HSE in establishing a satellite service for school leavers and some existing service users. This should ensure that Drumlin House will have additional placements to offer within their existing Day Service location.

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



Edel Quinn
Head of Service Disability CHO1
Ceann na Seirbhíse Míchumas
Eagraíocht Chúram Sláinte Limistéar 1