

20th December, 2022

Ms Holly Cairns, TD.,
Dáil Eireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 60372/22

**"To Ask Minister for Health the steps he is taking to assist an organisation searching for suitable housing for assisted living for disabled adults."
Details Supplied: Co-Action Skibbereen**

Dear Deputy Cairns,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

The HSE acknowledges the issues that have arisen in relation to CoAction and our primary concern is to ensure that services continue to be provided to the service users, adults and children, in West Cork without any diminution or concern.

The HSE notes the resignation of some Trustees to the Board and also understand that the remaining members will work to achieve a full restoration of the Board through its own processes. We do thank the outgoing trustees for their work and their dedication over many years. We are in ongoing contact with CoAction and we are working with the organisation to ensure that appropriate governance is in place and that the process will commence to appoint new Trustees to the Board.

The HSE has noted the concerns that led to the current matters that have arisen, including the usage and refurbishment of buildings and that of the Children's centre. We will be asking the new Board and the CEO to pause these plans in light of the current concerns that have been raised and look again at any and all options to achieve the required refurbishments and service improvements, while preserving the current services across adult and children services alike.

We will also be asking for a wide consultation with their members on any such options as part of the decision making process and a communication plan associated with it. I would ask that you allow time for the new Board members to be nominated and for their role in the operational governance of the organisation to take effect and the time for them to deal with these matters.

An EGM is scheduled on 22nd December 2022 which will allow for the new Board members to be nominated and for their role in the operational governance of the organisation to take

effect and the time for them to deal with these matters. The HSE will be working closely with them over the coming days and weeks.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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