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PQ/62251/22

"To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to issues within an organisation (Western Care Association in Mayo) the actions that will be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter".

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ/62251/22 uploaded on the PAD System on the 13th December 2022 and due for response on the 3rd January 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Health concerning "if his attention has been drawn to issues within an organisation (Western Care Association in Mayo) the actions that will be taken; 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.

Please be advised that the HSE has a service arrangement in place with Western Care Association for the delivery of disability services in County Mayo. Western Care provides a broad range of services to people living with an intellectual disability and/or autism and supports over 850 people in the West of Ireland through residential, day, respite and multidisciplinary supports. Under the terms of the service arrangement, the HSE meets with the organisation on a regular basis to monitor and review the various elements of the service arrangement.

The HSE will continue to work with the organisation to ensure that Western Care Association meets the highest standards of governance so it can continue to deliver safe and effective services to people throughout Mayo.

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

Yours sincerely

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