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Mr. Malcolm Noonan
Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the issue of an organisation (details supplied) being unable to locate an appropriate premises to accommodate its much-needed outreach service; the consequent overspill to its day service centre and the negative effect of this on its capacity for intake of new individuals; the actions that he will take regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied: Kilkenny Initiative for Training & Education (KITE)

Dear Minister Noonan,

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

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

HSE South East Community Healthcare Disability Services acknowledge the requirement for increasing the available accommodation for the participants of KITE Services and are actively working with HSE Capital & Estates Directorate and HSE Legal Advisors to secure the lease of appropriate accommodation to extend the accommodation for KITE Day Service in Kilkenny subject to the necessary approvals.

It is understood that over the coming weeks the lease commencement date will be confirmed. Once this information is available and if any temporary arrangements are required, the KITE Service Team will liaise with participants and their families with regards solutions such as temporary accommodation and outreach programmes.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Oliver Reilly
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