**Head of Disability Services**
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Ms Neasa Hourigan
Leinster House,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

**PQ ref 41168/22 Child Vision**
**"To ask the Minister for Health if a service for the blind in Cork (details supplied) will be funded by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter."**
**Details supplied: ChildVision service on Model Farm Road, Ballincollig, Cork.**

Dear Deputy Hourigan,

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

Cork Kerry Community Healthcare (CKCH) Disability Services do not have a Service Agreement with Child Vision Cork; CHO Dublin North City & County (CHO 9) appear to be the main public funder of this organisation under a section 39 agreement.

As CKCH Disability Services have been made aware of funding deficits in the Cork services, we asked the organisation to submit a business case. The Business Case which they have completed outlines funding requirements in order to maintain and indeed develop Child Vision pre-school services in the CKCH region at Model Farm Road in Cork. It is not typical that CKCH Disability Services would fund pre-school services however CKCH have committed to engaging with the organisation as a means to finding a mutually acceptable way forward on this matter.

A productive collaborative meeting was held with Child Vision Cork on Thursday last, 21st July 2022 which was a follow on meeting from our engagement with them the previous week. Further information is sought in relation to HSE provision, but due to annual leave commitments this has not yet been forthcoming. A more comprehensive response will issue in due course.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Patricia O'Neill,**
**A/Head of Disability Services,**
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