

24th November, 2022

Mr Colm Burke, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
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PQ ref 55964/22

"To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the process in place in relation to the allocation of HSE transport funding towards adult disability day service users in County Cork; the new qualifying criteria, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Burke,

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.

With regard to transport to Adult Disability Day Services, HSE Disability Services in Cork Kerry Community Healthcare is provided with funding for the provision of Rehabilitative Training Programmes and Day services to young adults leaving school who require an appropriate HSE funded service. This funding is allocated via the National School Leaver/RT Exit process. This funding is used for the placement cost and is fully expended in the provision of staff, materials and all overheads and where necessary the rental of suitable premises. In 2022 CKCH received a total of €3,613,538 School Leaver/RT Exit funding to provide HSE funded services to a total of 332 young persons. Funding via the School Leaver/RT Exit process is also provided by the National Office for Rent/Lease and Refurbishment costs. The total funding received by CKCH in 2022 was €332,610 for Refurbishment & €222,000 for Rent/Lease.

This funding is ongoing funding for the Actual Placement Cost for each school leaver that has been profiled identifying their support needs. The funding is used by agencies to provide additional support staff e.g. if a service user requires 1:1 support / 2:1 support. It can be used by agencies to include the provision of transport as part of the placement cost. It should be noted that the HSE National Disability Services Office is very clear in articulating that School Leaver /Rehabilitative Training Exit funding does not include transport costs and that the provision of transport is a matter for the Department of Transport. However, in exceptional circumstances in order to support a young person to attend their service, the cost of transport can be included in the placement cost agreed for some individual SL/RT Exit, requiring transport to access their service.

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

Yours sincerely,

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