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Ms. Verona Murphy Dail Eireann Leinster House Dublin 2

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To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is taking to ensure the longterm sustainability of Wexford Disability Service Windmill Therapeutic; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Murphy,

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.

South East Community Healthcare (SECH) Disability Services are aware of the issues in relation to Windmill Day Service and the potential impact on the service users.

I understand that there was a family meeting on Monday 17th October 2022 where Windmill further updated all who were present in relation to the issues that are effecting their service delivery.

In the past number of weeks, the General Manager for Disability Services has met Windmill and Disability Services will continue to maintain regular contact with the service.

Additional funding has recently been allocated to Windmill by SECH Disability Services to assist in managing the current funding issues. Disability Services are also advocating on behalf of Windmill at a regional and national level to secure additional funding for their service.

SECH Disability Services have included the additional funding requirements for Windmill for 2023 as part of the national estimates process.

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

Yours sincerely,

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