

19th October, 2022

Mr. Michael Healy-Rae, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref: 49216/22

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to a company that wishes to branch into a not-for-profit-service; and if he will make a statement on the matter.”

Details supplied: Local Homecare Services LTD - Minister despite the fact that this is a limited company they are looking to branch into an non profit service in the west Kerry area where we do not have services at present for adults with disabilities or issues with Autism. They are looking to provide specific support services for Adults and Children in the area. This would include a sensory room and they would be using a current building that they have at their disposal.

Dear Deputy Healy-Rae,

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.

Local Homecare Services currently have a Service Level Arrangement with HSE Disability Services Kerry for the provision of a home support service to a young man with a disability living in Dingle.

There are existing service providers in Dingle that provide day services as well as residential services to adults with a disability in the West Kerry Area namely, Camphill Communities of Ireland and St John of God Services. HSE Disability Services have reviewed all referrals received over the last two years for adults requiring specialist disability services as well as referrals via the National School Leaver process for young people with a disability that require HSE funded services i.e. a three year Rehabilitative Training Programme or a Day Service. These would include persons with an Intellectual Disability, Complex ASD or a physical/sensory disability.

Over the last number of years, there have not been many referrals for young adults from the West Kerry Area received via the National School Leaver Process. Having reviewed the non-school leaver referrals, the numbers from West Kerry are low. HSE Disability Services are open to engaging with Local Homecare to discuss their proposal but further specific details would be required as to what is being proposed. The proposal would then be looked at in the context of HSE existing resources, competing service priorities and identifying whether there is a need to develop a service as is being proposed by Local Homecare for the West Kerry Area.

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

Yours sincerely,



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