

9th September, 2022.

Mr, Colm Burke, TD.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2

PQ ref 43543/22 ChildVision

“To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that the HSE will provide financial support to a centre (details supplied) that operates a significant service beyond preschool service, including low vision intervention, specialised therapeutic interventions at afternoons and weekends on site and in the home and a parent support network and training service; 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.

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.

Advice was provided to Child Vision Cork on other funding options available to them for preschools under the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) scheme and Access and Inclusion Model (AIM) funding from the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

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

I trust this clarifies the situation for you.

Yours sincerely



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