

16th August 2023

Brendan Smith T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 36069/23

To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth when additional places will be provided in a training centre (details supplied) due to increased demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

The need to increase the number of trainee places in Drumlin House Training Centre, Cootehill Co. Cavan.

Dear Deputy Smith

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. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Drumlin House is a voluntary organisation funded by the HSE Community Healthcare, Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) under a Service Arrangement contract, with 2023 full year funding of €1,924,044 to provide day service supports for 95 adults in line with New Directions.

Minister Rabbitte has already confirmed additional funding of €80,000 in 2023 (recurring) to be allocated to Drumlin House. The drawdown of the money is expected to be in the August 2023 HSE CH CDLMS Budget Allocation. This additional funding is to increase capacity for existing School Leavers and will be included within the Service Arrangement contract between Drumlin House and HSE.

Drumlin House currently operates from a number of locations in Cootehill. One premises, in Cootehill's Cooney's Row site, accommodates a small number of high support service users and also serves as the main office.

The proposed redevelopment of Drumlin House would allow the organisation to accommodate more adults on this site and support school leavers going forward.

The Drumlin House proposal is for capital development of their current main site together with a plan of what they would be seeking to develop in its place. Their proposal details the school leaver projections for the next 5 years. It is appreciated that this is not a short term plan however it is something that will be required to meet existing and future need going forward.



From 2024-28 there are an estimated 50 new attendee placements required for those individuals leaving the Holy Family School in Cootehill, a number of whom will choose to attend Drumlin House .

The proposal was submitted to National HSE by CH CDLMS Disability Services on 25.04.2023. Total estimated cost of the new development is €4.5 million. The necessary Property Transaction Application Form has been submitted to HSE Estates nationally and a decision is awaited

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Curran".

Denise Curran
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