

06<sup>th</sup> April, 2023

Niamh Smyth T.D.  
Dáil Éireann  
Leinster House  
Kildare Street  
Dublin 2

**Re: PQ 14822/23**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth the reason the hydrotherapy pool facility at (details supplied) services in Cavan still remains closed despite assurances given nearly a year ago that it would be up and running within months; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

**“Hydrotherapy Pool at Enable Ireland in Cavan”.**

Dear Deputy Smyth

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.

Enable Ireland, a Section 39 organisation, has advised that it will endeavour to open the hydrotherapy pool as quickly as possible. The repair works to the pool were completed in 2022 and the pool attendant commenced in post in March, 2023. The pool attendant is required to complete shallow water training and is currently completing training as part of the management requirements for the operation of the pool.

It is envisaged the pool will be open for use by the end of April 2023. Unfortunately, as there are currently no clinical staff trained in the delivery of hydrotherapy in the Enable Ireland service in Cavan, it is not possible to offer the pool for the delivery of a clinical service. In the interim, Enable Ireland is exploring how the pool may best be utilised, for example, operating open swim sessions for small groups of children. I am also advised that external groups, who wish to avail of the pool, have approached Enable Ireland and consideration is being given as to how their requests can be accommodated.

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



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