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Deputy Emer Higgins,
Dáil Eireann,
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To ask the Minister for Health the reasons behind the discontinuation of funding for the Neart Le Cheile project facilitated by the HSE and Clondalkin drugs and alcohol task force; what measures are being taken to ensure the continued support of the vulnerable community members previously served by this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy Higgins,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in regard to your parliamentary question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for a response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

The Health Service Executive addiction services contacted the board of Neart Le Cheile in 2023, regarding a number of issues to ensure the project was meeting the terms and conditions of their Service Level Agreement. The board initially made the decision to close the project stating that they did not have the capacity to address the issues and continue operating the services.

The HSE Addiction Services and the Clondalkin DTAF have been working closely with the board and they have agreed to continue operating the project and meeting the terms and conditions as agreed. The project receives funding from the HSE quarterly and has received some of the allocated funding for 2024.

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

Yours sincerely,

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