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**PQ 43239/23**

**"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will reimburse families who have to pay privately for speech and language therapy and occupational therapy, due to a lack of services in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter".**

Dear Deputy Dillon

I refer to PQ 43239/23 uploaded on the PAD System on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and due for response on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning "if he will reimburse families who have to pay privately for speech and language therapy and occupational therapy, due to a lack of services in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter". The HSE has been requested to reply directly to you on this matter. The following response outlines the position.

Please be advised that there is no mechanism within Community Healthcare West Disability Services to reimburse families who have engaged private Therapists. Please be assured that Community Healthcare West (CHW) is pursuing all options possible to fill vacant posts and the recruitment and retention of staff is a top priority for CHW.

CHW Disability Services is committed to providing the relevant supports to all people in our service that is responsive to need and supports families. Please be assured of our best efforts at all times to achieve these goals.

I trust that this response has clarified the matter that you have raised in this instance.

Yours sincerely

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General Manager  
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