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Mr Cian O'Callaghan, TD, Dáil Éireann, Leinster House, Kildare Street, Dublin 2

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PQ 18814/24 "To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth what plans exist to increase the provision of residential care and supported independent living for adults with disabilities in the north Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter." **Cian O'Callaghan, TD**

Dear Deputy O'Callaghan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you with information in the context of the above Parliamentary Question which you submitted for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Community Healthcare Organisation Dublin North City and County (CHO DNCC) Disability Service provides significant supports for adults with disabilities in residential care settings and supported independent living accommodation. Residential services makes up the largest part of the budget for disability services in CHO DNCC and we continue to provide these supports for adults with disabilities in appropriate circumstances. It is fully acknowledged that with increases in demographics of persons living with a disability, coupled with increases in life expectancy and changing needs, the need for residential care has increased. CHO DNCC will continue to proactively engage with external agencies responding to the high demand for emergency residential places.

In relation to supported living, there are a range of funded supported hours available which normally are dependent on a person's level and type of disability, the extent of a person's independent living skills and availability of family supports. Consequently packages provided will typically vary significantly.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Olive Hanley Head of Service for Disability