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Dear Deputy Tóibín,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the following parliamentary question, which was submitted to this department for response.

PQ: 6069/24

To ask the Minister for Health to provide an update on the funding crisis in an organisation (details supplied); the steps being taken by the HSE to address the funding requirements necessary to continue to provide services to persons within the care of the organisation in order to ensure the immediate and long-term survival of the organisation.; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied; at St. John of God

HSE Response

Saint John of God Community Services (SJOGCS) have served notice of their intention to step away from the provision of services. The HSE has received this notice with significant disappointment having worked with the entity over the last ten years on funding related matters.

SJOGCS is an independent legal entity within the St John of God Hospitaller Services Group. SJOGCS is funded under Section 38 of the Health Act 2004 to provide mental health and disability services on behalf of the HSE to over 8000 children and adults with intellectual disabilities and mental health requirements.

St. John of God Community Services is fully funded and has broken even in recent years. Since 2019 funding of up to €200m has been provided to SJOGCS each year up to 2024.

The support and funding provided to SJOGCS is to a level that allows it to function effectively.

While it is described that this transfer is necessary for funding reasons, the HSE emphasises in the clearest, most distinct and strongest terms that SJOGCS is fully funded for the services provided, is operating at a level of compliance with regulation well above national averages and is safe corporately in being fully cashed to meet all liabilities as they arise.



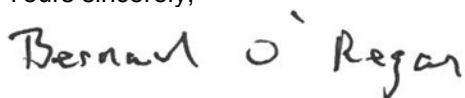
The priority now for both the HSE and SJOGCS is that the people who use the service, their families and staff are not impacted by the transfer of services. The HSE and SJOGCS are working to ensure an immediate solution to issues presented or if necessary, transition and transfer arrangements progress with minimal disruption to service users.

The HSE and SJOGCS can assure service users, their families and staff that current services will continue after the transition. A significant transfer window is available to us to manage the process and in the meantime, it should be largely business as usual.

The HSE and SJOGCS through a joint Transfer Task group will communicate and engage with all relevant stakeholders on an ongoing basis.

The HSE values SJOGCS, its Board, the Executive Management Team and the staff. We will continue to work with them to ensure services continue to be delivered seamlessly and appropriately during the transition.

Yours sincerely,



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