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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: 6070/24

To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the necessary funding is provided by the HSE to an organisation (details supplied) for intellectual disability student nurses at DkIT to receive their pay rise in student subsistence payments, and for all other intellectual disability students nurses in the same position; if he will increase HSE funding to bring mileage allowances for intellectual disability student nurses in line with the rate of all other student nurse disciplines; the number of student nurses nationally awaiting the rise in subsistence payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Details supplied; at St. John of God

HSE Response

Agreement has been reached between Saint John of God Community Services (SJOGCS) and the Health Service Executive (HSE) that will enable the Service to continue in operation and for its existing 8,000 children and adults to continue receiving intellectual disability and mental health services, as currently provided.

The Board of St John of God Community Services has confirmed the withdrawal of its decision to transfer services, which had been issued to the HSE on 16 February 2024. The decision to withdraw the notice has been endorsed by the Board of St John of God Hospitaller Services Group.

This announcement comes on the back of intensive discussions between both parties over the past ten days,

There is an agreement and timeframe to arrive at a time-bound implementation plan for the Sustainability Impact Assessment Report.



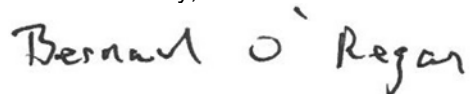
There is a commitment to the in-year funding for 2024, and there is a guaranteed timeframe within which final decisions will be made about the issues arising from the historical deficit in SJOGCS.

Management at SJOGCS have been informing those in receipt of services, their families and staff confirming that St John of God Community Services will continue to deliver its full range of services at all existing locations.

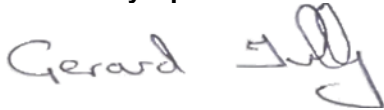
With regard to intellectual disability student nurses' student subsistence payments, funding has been provided for these allowances and arrangements are being put in place to administer the payments.

For your information, please see attached HR Circular 019/2023: Payment of Clinical Placement Allowances to Undergraduate Supernumerary Nursing and Midwifery Students and Circular 4/2023.

Yours sincerely,



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