



Cúram Sláinte  
Phobail, Iarthar  
ag freastal ar Ghailimh,  
Maighéo agus Ros Comáin

Community  
Healthcare West  
serving Galway, Mayo  
and Roscommon

Children's Disability Manager  
Community Healthcare West  
Unit 10, Merlin Park Hospital, Galway, H91 DP62  
Tel: 094 9049293  
Email: [Padraic.Carolan@hse.ie](mailto:Padraic.Carolan@hse.ie)

13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Claire Kerrane TD  
Dail Eireann  
Kildare St  
Dublin 2

**PQ 9301/24**

**“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he is aware that the proposed buildings to be used in children disability network teams in area 9 have infrastructural issues (REIS building not wheelchair accessible and disable toilet not fit for purpose in Castlerea and Roscommon, Co. Roscommon); if these issues will be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.**

Dear Deputy Kerrane

I refer to PQ 9301/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 and due for response on the 11th March 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning “if he is aware that the proposed buildings to be used in children disability network teams in area 9 have infrastructural issues (REIS building not wheelchair accessible and disable toilet not fit for purpose in Castlerea and Roscommon, Co. Roscommon)”. The HSE has been requested to respond to you directly. The following response outlines the position.

I have been in contact with the CDNM (Children’s Disability Network Manager) for Network 9 who has advised that the Roscommon building is not currently wheelchair accessible. However, a facility on the ground floor of this building is available and our Estates Department are progressing this with the landlord. The view is that CDNT 9 will gain access to this area in the very near future, which will eliminate the issue.

In relation to the toilet in Castlerea, this is accessible for wheelchair users however, some slight amendments are needed and this is being considered by our Maintenance Department.

CDNT 9 are committed to providing the relevant supports to all children in the service that is responsive to need and supports families. Please be assured of our best efforts at all times.

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

Yours sincerely

---

General Manager  
Children’s Disability Services  
Community Healthcare West