

Community Healthcare West serving Galway, Mayo and Roscommon

28th May 2024

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Re: PQ 22085/24

"To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if additional funding can be made available for a service (Funding to Community Healthcare West (CHW) to support business case applications for residential services and supported living funding. CHW were only allocated four residential placements for 2024 and no funding was made available for supported living business cases in either the 2023 or 2024 National Service Plan); and if he will make a statement on the matter."

Dear Deputy Ring

I refer to PQ 22085/24 uploaded on the PAD System on the 14th May 2024 and due for response on the 29th May 2024 regarding representations that you have made to the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth concerning "if additional funding can be made available for a service (Funding to Community Healthcare West (CHW) to support business case applications for residential services and supported living funding. CHW were only allocated four residential placements for 2024 and no funding was made available for supported living business cases in either the 2023 or 2024 National Service Plan); 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 Disability Services, Community Healthcare West (CHW), is allocated funding as per the National Service Plan. Disability Services commission services with the funding that is received under the various headings as advised. Disability Services were allocated four residential placements for 2024 with no funding made available for supported living packages in either the 2023 or 2024 National Service Plan. Unfortunately, the demand for residential services and supported living in the community far outweighs available resources allocated to Disability Services, CHW.

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

Yours sincerely

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General Manager Disability Services

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