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PQ 5760/25 *“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth to address the chronic under-funding of a centre (details supplied) which has seen its service users rise from 80 in 2018 to 492 in 2024, but its funding has not increased at all in this same period.” – Paul Donnelly, TD.*

Details Supplied: Blanchardstown Centre for Independent living

Dear Deputy Donnelly,

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.

The HSE works in partnership with organisations including Section 38, Section 39, Out of State and For-Profit organisations to ensure the best level of service possible is provided to people with a disability, and their families within the available resources. The relationship between these providers and the HSE is governed by way of a Service Arrangement (SA) or Grant Aid Agreement (GAA). Funding provided to an organisation is correlated to a quantum of service and provides for these services to be linked to quality standards, with continuous monitoring to ensure equity, efficiency and effective use of available resources.

Blanchardstown Centre for Independent Living (CIL) is a section 39 funded agency managed by persons with disabilities for people with disabilities. Blanchardstown CIL has a GAA with Disability Services Integrated Health Area Dublin North City & West (IHA DNCW) and in 2024 was in receipt of €74,205 in funding.

Disability Services IHA DNCW acknowledge the request for additional funding required by Blanchardstown CIL to address increased numbers from 80 to 492 availing of its service. IHA DNCW is happy to be served with a Business Case by Blanchardstown CIL justifying the case for receipt of additional funds by outlining the inherent benefits of receiving additional funds and risks involved in not receiving additional funds.

The HSE recognises the value of the services provided by Blanchardstown Centre for Independent living and wants to assure you that we are committed to working in partnership with all service providers to achieve maximum benefits for people with disabilities, while also ensuring that resources available are used in the most effective manner possible.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Enda Doody
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