



22nd July 2025.

Mr. Michael Healy-Rae, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Kildare Street,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 37315/25

“To ask the Minister for Health to explain the issue with regard to the lack of funding between the HSE and a charity (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter”

Details supplied:

Inspired Learning Hub in Tralee County Kerry. Minister I have constituents who were formally told they had a place in Inspired Learning Hub in Tralee. Weeks later then, they were informed there was a funding issue and no place would be offered now. This is very last minute for people who had all plans in place and it is very unfair now to be told there is no place.

Dear Minister Healy-Rae,

HSE South West Disability Services have been requested to respond to the above parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Health.

As part of the normal school leaver process, HSE South West Disability Services have been working with Inspired regarding their request for additional funding to provide placements for 2025 school and rehabilitative training (RT) leavers. These discussions and negotiations have taken a number of months to conclude and HSE South West is currently awaiting a response from Inspired. The funding allocated by the HSE will provide for placement costs and facilitate Inspired to open an additional hub location to meet the needs of participants.

HSE South West understands the delay in response from Inspired is due to the planned closure of the service to allow for staff annual leave. The service is due to reopen in early August.



We regret the impact this delay has on young people and their families. We will ensure they are kept updated on this.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Yours sincerely,

**Ms. Angela O'Neill,
Head of Disability Services,
HSE South West.**