



23rd June 2025

Mr. Mattie McGrath TD
Dail Eireann
Leinster House
Dublin 2

PQ 29654/25 and PQ 29655/25 and PQ 33914/25

**PQ 29654/25 - To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality if she will ensure that a sustainable funding stream will be provided to a centre in Tipperary that provides training, support and employment for people with mental health issues in south Tipperary to ensure the sustainability of the centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath
Details Supplied - Cluain Training Centre, Clonmel, Co. Tipperary.**

**PQ 29655/25 - To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that a sustainable funding stream will be provided to a centre in Tipperary that provides training, support and employment for people with mental health issues in south Tipperary to ensure the sustainability of the centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath
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**PQ 33914/25 – To ask the Minister for Health if she will ensure that a sustainable funding stream will be provided to a centre (details supplied) in Tipperary that provides training, support and employment for people with mental health issues in South Tipperary to ensure the sustainability of the centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. -Mattie McGrath
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Dear Deputy McGrath,

The Health Service Executive (HSE) has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Questions, which were submitted to the Minister for Health for response.

I have reviewed the matter and the following is the current position.

Cluain Training Centre located in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary predominately supports individuals with mental health issues. HSE Disability Services have 13 service users that access day supports of Cluain Training Centre and 12 places allocated for Rehabilitation Training Programme.

Cluain is in receipt of €573,929 under Service Level arrangement with HSE Disability Services which provides funding for school leavers and the Rehabilitation Training Programme under New Directions.

Disability Services are currently actively supporting Cluain Training Centre in relation to funding and quality standards for New Directions. In addition in 2023, 2024 and 2025 Disability Services have also redeployed a staff resource as an interim manager to enable Cluain Training Centre to meet Day Service standards and sustainability.



Cluain Training Centre has carried an annual deficit for several years, which Disability Services funded in 2023 and 2024. The current projected deficit has been escalated to HSE as part of the Service Level Arrangement process.

HSE Estates has also visited the Cluain premises and commissioned an Engineer's report which has been completed. The result of this identifies that extensive works are required to the building and particularly to the roof.

The General Manager, HSE Adult Disability Services and HSE Day Opportunities Team continue to work locally to support the Board of Management and Manager of Cluain Training Centre.

A meeting has been arranged to discuss the most effective ways to support Cluain service and this will be attended by Senior HSE Disability Services and Mental Health Services managers with Cluain Board of Management.

I trust this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Ms. Karen Fitzgerald
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