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Mr Brendan Smith TD,
Dáil Éireann,
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Re: PQ ref 32928/25 - Irish Wheelchair Association Cavan, Business Case

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth Re: Application for additional In person Day Services at the Irish Wheelchair Association centre in Cavan Town. This issue has been ongoing for a very long time and a Business Case was submitted to the HSE in February 2024 and resubmitted in April 2024 requesting approval for 1.5 whole time equivalent staff. At present there is a very limited In Person Service for service users and it is not near adequate. It is essential the Business Case submitted to the HSE should be approved without further delay and if she will make a statement on the matter.” - Brendan Smith

Dear Deputy Smith,

I refer to your parliamentary question above which has been referred to me for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

This Business Case is supported by the General Manager and has been escalated to senior HSE management for their consideration. The funding required is not currently available within the Community Healthcare Cavan, Donegal, Leitrim, Monaghan, Sligo (CH CDLMS) Disability Services budget allocation.

Separately CH CDLMS Disability Services, via its Occupational Guidance team, has secured an additional €45,000 for the two recent school leavers for whom the Irish Wheelchair Association (IWA) provide a day service. This funding will be recurring year on year.

The Disability Service Manager has offered a number of dates to meet with IWA to discuss the operational needs of the service. We are awaiting confirmation of a mutually suitable date from IWA.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mary McGroarty
A/Head of Service Disability Services

