



01st April 2025

Deputy Gary Gannon,
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ Ref: 10800/25 “To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a charitable organisation (details supplied), which is partially funded by the HSE, is allowed to refuse services to an individual with an acquired brain injury on the grounds that the injury was caused by alcohol consumption, in light of the fact that medical professionals working with the individual support the referral for rehabilitation.”

Details Given: Acquired Brain Injury Ireland

Dear Deputy Gannon,

Thank you for your recent correspondence. The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply to you in the context of the above Representation. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the current position.

Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Ireland have confirmed they provide individualised neuro-rehabilitation community services and supports to individuals with ABI. Their services support individuals to rehabilitate and rebuild their lives, thereby minimising the ongoing support requirements in the longer term.

The services they provide are not suitable nor resourced to provide the necessary supports for people with conditions that are degenerative, of chronic onset or for those with progressive organic disorders, including – but not limited to – Early Onset Dementia, Motor Neuron Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, and Korsakoff Syndrome.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Kind Regards,

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