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PQ 24505/25 *"To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality the details of the services for persons of all ages with physical and intellectual disabilities based in Lusk; if she can outline in detail plans for future services; the stage these plans are at; the estimated timeframe for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter."* **Louise O'Reilly, TD**

Dear Deputy O'Reilly,

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 examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Disability Services, Integrated Healthcare Dublin North County (IHA DNC) provides and funds a range of services for people with disabilities, including those residing in Lusk which forms part of the Balbriggan Community Health Network. Supports may vary based on individual need and aims to enable people to live as full and independent lives as is possible for the within available resources. These supports include among others:

- Children's Disability Network Teams (CDNT's)
- Day Services
- Registered residential based respite services
- Alternative respite services
- Home Support Services
- Clinical Multidisciplinary Supports
- Personal Assistant Service
- Case Management for complex situations for intermittent periods
- Registered residential placements 24/7

These services are provided on behalf of the HSE by Section 38/39 Organisations by way of a Service Arrangement or Grant Aid Agreement.

The HSE acknowledges the increases in demographics of people living with a disability, coupled with increases in life expectancy and changing needs has led to a significant increase in the need for disability services across all settings. Disability Services IHA DNC proactively engages and works in partnership with all external agencies responding to the high demand for services

It is important to note, all requests for resources are prioritised and approved based on service user need, risk and availability of financial resources, which are finite.

I trust this information clarifies this matter for you.

Yours sincerely,

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