

6th June 2025

Mr. Michael Cahill, T.D.,
Dáil Éireann,
Dublin 2.

PQ ref 26404/25

“To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality to urgently enhance the adult day service in Killarney provided by an association (details supplied) and provide additional services; and if she will make a statement on the matter.”

Details Supplied: Kerry Parents and Friends Association Currently they have no therapists on their multi-disciplinary teams, they have no occupational therapist that specialises in sensory issues, no psychologist, no speech and language therapist and no social worker. This needs to be addressed

Dear Deputy Cahill,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to respond to your parliamentary question submitted to the Minister for Children, Disability and Equality.

Kerry Parents and Friends Association (KPFA) is a not-for-profit organisation providing services for people with disabilities in Kerry and is funded by the HSE under Section 39 of the Health Act 2004. The governance and management of KPFA is the responsibility of the Board of Management which delegates the day to day responsibility to the appointed Chief Executive Officer.

KPFA support people to access relevant therapeutic interventions via HSE Primary Care services as appropriate. In addition, a regional therapeutic service which operates across Cork and Kerry is available and KPFA have made referrals and received support for people where appropriate. The regional service provides inter-disciplinary therapeutic supports comprising psychology, social work, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and positive behaviour support. Nurses and social care practitioners are also represented on the team to provide support as required.

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

Yours sincerely,

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