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Deputy Erin McGreehan,
Leinster House,
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Dublin 2.

Re: PQ 44573/25 - To ask the Minister for Children; Disability and Equality further to Parliamentary Question No. 261 of 2 April 2025, the reason the Department has not conducted an audit comparing the number of hours funded versus the actual hours provided to disability day service users.; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

Dear Deputy McGreehan,

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and outlined the position as follows.

There are currently 506 adults with a disability attending Day Services in Louth. The HSE Day Opportunity Office allocates funding for placements to Service Providers. The average funding allocated to individual placements is €18,000 for the weekly provision of 30 hours Day Services placements with Providers.

Although the Department has not conducted an audit comparing the number of hours funded versus the actual hours provided to Service Users, attendance and hours utilised are monitored through local Day Opportunity processes, to include a Quarterly Attendance Report submitted by all Service Providers, the Management of Vacant Places Protocol, and the Change of Hours Procedures in Day Services.

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

Yours sincerely

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