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Mr. Finian Mc Grath, T.D.,
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Re/ **Parliamentary Question 24881/08** "To ask the Minister for Health and Children if a service (details supplied) received €83 million in 2008; and the new services for the coming year" Details Supplied: (St. Michael's House)

Dear Deputy Mc Grath

I refer to the above Parliamentary Question and the following is the response.

St. Michael's House provides a range of community-based day, respite, residential and early services for people with an intellectual disability. The services provided by the organisation cover all ages from young children to older persons.

- In January 2008, there were 565 children and 956 adults receiving a service.
- Residential services are provided for 391 adults and 26 children.
- Respite Breaks were provided to 514 people in respite houses in 2007.
- Day Services including clinical supports/early services are provided to 1521 clients.
- Clinical support services include psychiatry, medical, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, social work, psychology and nutrition services.

Services are located both on the Northside and Southside of Dublin and in 2007 the service has extended to provide residential care for children in Navan, Co. Meath.

In 2006, the organisation took over the operation of Baldoyle Hospital at the request of the Religious Sisters of Charity and with the agreement of the HSE. The Board of St. Michael's House agreed to the merger on the basis that the services provided in Baldoyle would be transformed over time into community based services. The HSE has agreed to support this move to community within the context of available resources.

Funding

The Health Service Executive will allocate core funding of €83m to St Michael's House to provide core services in 2008.

Individualised Services

St. Michael's House is working to develop individualised services. The organisation has a very clear vision around the delivery of person centred services, which promote the independence, and integration of service users in the ordinary life of the community.

Indicative Allocation of New Developments 2008

The HSE is still in discussion with the Department of Health & Children regarding the commencement of 2008 developments in the context of the overall financial position of the HSE. We are not in a position to approve the commencement of developments until these discussions have concluded.

St. Michael's House has been given an indicative allocation of new places in respect of 2008 as follows:

Residential Places 17

Respite Places 2

Day Places 15

I trust the above clarifies the position for you.

Yours sincerely,

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