



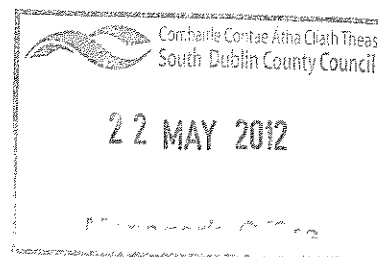
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Re: REPDR/12/00707 – Cheeverstown

Dear Ms Maguire,

Your recent correspondence was passed to me for response.

The 2012 HSE National Service Plan sets out a 3.7% reduction in the allocation of disability funding. It was recognised that 1.7% of which may affect services.

The HSE requested agencies to provide information regarding breakeven plans with the least impact on services. Cheeverstown in its response, having examined all areas where there was discretionary spending identified this area where the reduction in expenditure would not impact on the service.

Since 2008 Cheeverstown has had direct value for money cuts imposed of €4.4 million. This year alone Cheeverstown anticipate the need to make savings of €1.6 million. Despite these cuts Cheeverstown have managed to balance their budget without major disruptions to services, for the past two years.

The decision to reduce these voluntary payments did not come lightly and has been approved by Cheeverstown Board of Directors, the HSE had been informed in advance.

The reduction in this payment will allow Cheeverstown to ensure the current number of people benefitting from the supported employment services remains unchanged. The payment of €20 a week to the service users involved will be reduced to €10 a week, until the payments end in April 2013. This will in no way affect our individuals entitlement to the Disability Allowance.

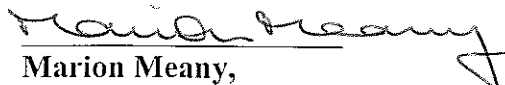
Cheeverstown House has always had an open and engaging relationship with public representatives within the catchment area. They are constantly strengthening these links, and as recently as last September all Councillors, TDs and MEPS who represent Cheeverstown catchment area were invited to a meeting with families of service users to discuss the challenges facing Cheeverstown in the current economic climate.

An invitation has been extended to Cllr Bond by the CEO of Cheeverstown to meet him on this matter and a response is awaited.

It is not the intention of Cheeverstown to cause hardship of any sort to people who avail of services or their family but the current financial position only permits Cheeverstown to provide services that it receives funding for.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely,


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