

02 November 2010

Mr. John Moloney, T.D.
Minister of State
Department of Health & Children
Hawkins House
Dublin 2

Dear Minister,

I enclose a copy of a recent memorandum prepared by Ann Kennelly and sent to Deputy Bernard Durkan.

It raises some serious concerns as she advises Deputy Durkan that Minister Harney attended the meeting on October 12th, which is simply not true. The figures she quotes for years 2008 and 2009 are simply not correct.

The positive reality of the situation is that the Jack & Jill Foundation has evolved services that are applauded by our families and paediatric professionals alike. These services are provided at a cost 9 times less than a sporadic service offered by the H.S.E.

We simply cannot understand why of the all parties involved the H.S.E. alone refuses to acknowledge their own shortcomings in providing homecare nursing for young children. It is not unreasonable to expect that they would encourage you to engage with us to extend our services to include 4 and 5 year olds. It is what our families want and it will save the State millions of euro and the H.S.E. hours of manpower.

The time for H.S.E. “speak” of reviews and integration are long over. We are the only agency offering such a nationwide service and our parents are desperate for you to resolve the impasse being created by the H.S.E. whose form sheet in this area is worse than patchy.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Irwin
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